

"The sponsors and I have talked a little bit about what can we do to actively educate and bring up to speed everyone on what it means to bring a child with Down syndrome into the world in 2017 and going forward so that people make educated decisions," she said.

"But, I will always at the end of the day stand and say that we legislators in this room and in this General Assembly have no right to insert ourselves into the private decisions of a family."

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) said she also opposed the measure because it doesn't provide details on the legal process doctors and patients would have to go through as a result.

Opponents argued there is no clear way of determining whether a physician knew about a diagnosis and said the bill could hinder patient-physician relations because patients might be afraid to share information if they know it could lead to punishment.

"I think it is very unfortunate that this committee would take up a felony offense and pass it through without talking about all the considerations," Rep. Sykes said.

Prior to the vote, she introduced an amendment that would ensure patients would not be required to testify in legal cases involving their physicians.

Her proposal was tabled, as were amendments from Rep. Antonio to provide lifelong healthcare to any child who was born because of the bill, and from Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) to increase special needs education funding by \$210 million, which would restore it to 2014 levels.

Joanna E. Saul, vice president of government affairs and public advocacy for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio, was critical of the committee's actions.

"House Bill 214 intrudes on the patient-doctor relationship and is dangerous by potentially coercing physicians into keeping medical information from their patients, and patients from asking necessary questions about their pregnancy," she said in a statement. "A woman has a human right to bodily autonomy and this bill is part of a broader effort to limit reproductive rights and shame women."

Meanwhile, Ohio Right to Life President Michael Gonidakis applauded lawmakers' support of the bill backed by his organization.

"We are fortunate to live in a state where our government puts people with special needs at the top of the priority list," he said. "We are one step closer to protecting Ohioans with Down syndrome from lethal discrimination," he said in a statement.

A companion measure (SB 164) is currently moving through the Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid committee.

Senate Begins Hearings On Bill To Unravel 'Truth In Sentencing,' Keep Problem Prisoners Behind Bars

Indefinite sentencing could be making a comeback in Ohio after the murder of a college student by a parolee.

Legislation heard for the first time Wednesday in the Senate (SB 201) would allow for an indefinite prison sentence for a first- or second-degree felony or specified third-degree felonies.

Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park), the bill sponsor, told members of the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee that it will "enhance the capacity of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction both to address violent behavior in prison and to ensure that high level felony and violent offenders are prepared for release."

Current "truth in sentencing" law provides that most offenders with fixed sentences cannot see their terms adjusted based on behavior in prison.

"This has had the unfortunate effect of removing one of the most significant incentives for good behavior in prison," Sen. Bacon said.

Dubbed the "Regan Tokes Act," the bill is named after an Ohio State University student that was murdered earlier this year by Brian Golsby, who was released from prison as scheduled despite 45 infractions behind bars.

Under Sen. Bacon's proposal, the maximum prison term would automatically equal 150% of the minimum range selected by a judge.

"The offender would be eligible for early release at the end of the minimum term based on good behavior. Vitally however, an inmate who behaves violently, is classified as a high threat-level, or who demonstrates a track record of poor behavior in prison can be retained until the culmination of the maximum term," Sen. Bacon said.

"This gives ODRC a powerful incentive to encourage inmates to engage in programming and behave well in prison and provides the state with an additional option for preventing dangerous offenders with a continued record of violence and bad behavior from being released prematurely."

Those not serving time for a sex offense would be eligible for a reduction of up to 15% on the minimum term for exceptional conduct.

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) asked for clarification on the sentencing structure. Sen. Bacon said that if a crime carries a sentencing range of three to 11 years and a judge sentences an offender to five years, the maximum sentence would top out at 7.5 years.

Chairman Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) asked if the legislation would have prevented the murder of Ms. Tokes.

Sen. Bacon said Mr. Golsby received a six-year sentence as part of a plea agreement on a rape charge. However, under his proposed sentencing structure, Mr. Golsby likely would have served nine years in prison and would have been incarcerated at the time of Ms. Tokes' death.

Another bill heard in committee Wednesday (SB 202), which is also part of the "Reagan Tokes Act," aims to address GPS monitoring procedures and reentry programs for recently released offenders.

Under the legislation, each GPS monitor would be required to specify restriction for the offender, such as exclusionary zones and curfew.

The information gleaned from the monitoring device would be shared among law enforcement agencies.

"Under current Ohio law, law enforcement officers do not have the ability to access GPS information during a criminal investigation without possessing a subpoena. In situations where there is an unusual increase in criminal activity within a defined area, investigators should have every resource available, including GPS information of all recently released parolees, at their disposal without the burden of gratuitous bureaucratic red tape," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta).

Another provision in the bill would require DRC to establish and implement a reentry program for offenders that may not be eligible to reside in other facilities upon their release due to their violent behavior.

The final portion of the bill would require DRC to establish guidelines on the maximum workload for parole officers.

"The murder of Reagan Tokes is a tragedy that could have been prevented, had we had the proper procedures in place prior to her attacker's release from prison," Sen. O'Brien said. "Senate Bills 201 and 202 are just one small step toward ensuring proper post-release procedures are in place, and that what happened to Reagan never happens to any Ohioan ever again."

Sen. Schiavoni questioned whether a fiscal analysis is available on the bill. "I think it's a worthwhile investment, I'm just wondering what the cost is," he said.

Sen. Bacon said a fiscal analysis will likely be available for the bill's next committee hearing.

A companion bill (HB 356) has been introduced in the House. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 27, 2017)

School Officials Question Bill Placing New Requirements On Credit Card Use

School district treasurers expressed concerns Wednesday with the new requirements in a bill designed to rein in unapproved use of credit cards by local governments.

The proposal (HB 312) would create new safeguards for entities that use credit cards in an effort to prevent theft.

School officials told the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee that the mandates are unnecessary and would create new burdens for treasurers. They said credit cards, and in particular their rewards programs, can be advantageous to districts.

Maria Rellinger, treasurer and CFO of Apollo Career Center in Lima, said credit cards are a safe method of payment and school district treasurers have adapted their controls to accommodate their use.

"Credit cards are a safe form of payment with no additional risks over paper checks or cash because of the records provided for credit card transactions and also the coverage by the bank should unauthorized charges appear on the account," she said.

She said the use of cards can ensure more accurate payment, such as when a district covers hotel rooms for employees at a conference.

Controls over credit card use, such as detailed receipts, make them just as secure as other methods of payment, she said.

"I share this information with you because I believe the use of credit cards by school districts is a good thing," she said. "The issue is whether or not districts practice the proper controls over any type of expenditure - not just with credit cards. HB312 seems to be over-prescriptive in detailing the practices for credit card use."

Ms. Rellinger said the compliance officer requirement in the bill is redundant and unnecessary. She said the existing accountability system, in which the treasurer is liable for purchase, works.

Rep. Martin J. Sweeney (D-Cleveland) asked how districts use credit card points accrued from the use of obligated funds.

Ms. Rellinger said the rewards are considered general fund dollars, just as transaction costs and bank fees for the spending of restricted dollars come from general fund money.

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said his understanding of the bill meant districts wouldn't need a compliance officer unless someone other than the treasurer controls the credit card.

"It could be the superintendent of schools or it could be the CEO of the library system, so that it's not necessarily as burdensome as you make out with those changes," he said.

Ms. Rellinger said her assistant treasurer handles the checking in and out of credit cards, meaning even her small office would need a compliance officer. Unlike the treasurer, she said, that compliance officer would not be liable for misspent money.

Rep. Seitz said the bill is a balancing act.

"Most of us are against unnecessary government mandates and all of us are against fraud," he said. "We're trying to find that happy space where both can be accommodated."

Janice Allen, treasurer and CFO of Trotwood-Madison City School District, said her district has three credit cards it uses to pay for workers' compensation premiums and other costs.

"There are strong fiscal controls that surround the use of these cards," she said. "Sub HB312 should require a board policy on credit cards, but allow local flexibility in the policy provisions to account for each district's unique circumstances. Further, the bill should not require districts to change their current policies. If districts do not have strong enough policies, perhaps the auditor of state could request districts to update their policies."

She said the new mandates in the bill will add more work for treasurers and CFOs at districts across the state.

"I advocate for myself and all my colleagues that this bill needs to have a more streamlined approach and not a punitive overtone for all the districts that are following the rules and regulations of their district," she said.

Chairman Rep. Louis Blessing (R-Cincinnati) said he did not believe the bill as written would affect districts like hers that have strong controls in place.

Skeptical Lawmakers Question Proponents Of Piping Material Bill

Should the state preempt local governments when it comes to selecting pipe material for public projects? Lawmakers aren't so sure.

More than a dozen individuals on Wednesday provided testimony in favor of a measure to require public entities to consider all piping materials that meet engineering specifications for state-funded water and wastewater projects. Lawmakers, however, expressed some skepticism.

Jenn Klein, president of the Ohio Chemistry Technology Council, told members of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee that the bill (SB 95) "makes common

sense improvements as to how scarce state resources are spent on critical infrastructure."

Ms. Klein said the measure will allow for open competition and level the playing field for all products.

"It simply requires that when state money is being spent, an engineer has the ability to use his or her professional training to evaluate all products they know are appropriate," she said.

Currently in Ohio, many jurisdictions limit the materials used in water and wastewater projects, according to Ms. Klein. About one-third of Ohioans live in those jurisdictions, she said.

Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) questioned why the issue is not dealt with on the local level.

Ms. Klein said concerns have been taken to local officials in those jurisdictions and largely dismissed.

Sen. Hottinger also asked about a situation in which a water main breaks and whether a local community would be required to bid for materials.

Ms. Klein said that is not the intent, and added that her organization is looking at language to address emergency situations.

Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta) raised concerns about language in the bill that says local officials "shall" consider all materials. He said that could open local entities up to lawsuits.

An amendment addressing that issue is being crafted, Ms. Klein said.

Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) said he fears the legislation could greatly increase the workload of local officials by forcing them to consider materials on a case-by-case basis.

The intent of the legislation is not to create more work for local officials, Ms. Klein said.

John Serrano, director of government affairs for the Vinyl Institute, said Ohio's drinking and wastewater infrastructure needs an investment of \$26 billion over the next 20 years.

"There is a lack of choice and limit on competition that has created local monopolies in pipe markets and increased the costs of funding new and replacement projects at a time when budgets are already tight," he said. "There is no reason our cities and water engineers should be prohibited from choosing the most appropriate pipe material for

their project. There is no reason local monopolies should be allowed to dictate what's best for the people of Ohio."

Micah Derry, state director for Americans for Prosperity - Ohio, said the measure will be a key vote on the group's legislative scorecard. He said the legislation has the potential to reduce the cost of water and wastewater projects by as much as 32%, saving municipalities more than \$8.5 billion.

"These costs are not small for many towns and municipalities and granting flexibility on the materials used in these projects could drastically reduce the burdens on these local units of government," he said.

But Sen. Skindell said local officials that have restricted the use of certain piping have done so because they are concerned about chemicals leaching into water supplies.

"Why should we trump that decision-making process at the local level?" he asked.

Mr. Derry said technology in the field of chemistry is developing at a rapid pace.

"Legislative bodies in this state have not caught up and modernized," he said.

Douglas Keller of Equistar Chemicals said the legislation will allow for the expertise of project engineers to be utilized.

"Project engineers in the potable water and wastewater management fields should be allowed to select the most durable, efficient, suitable, and cost effective material that meets the engineering needs of the system design," he said. "Model specifications for plastic piping materials are available from trade organizations, pipe manufacturers and other American municipalities to aid Ohio project engineers in updating their purchasing specifications."

Matthew Kuwatch, vice president of marketing and business development at Aurora Plastics, said the bill has the potential to help small businesses.

"Senate Bill 95 is a simple solution to a very real problem. There are market barriers and regulatory monopolies holding us back. And while it impacts our business and employees, it also affects every citizen of Ohio who pays higher water rates," he said.

Also providing proponent testimony were representatives of ISCO Industries, the Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association, Engineered Profiles LLC, the Plastics Pipe Institute, the Oatey Co. and the American Chemistry Council. Andrew Olah and Alan Olson also provided proponent testimony.

Similar legislation (HB214, 131st General Assembly) died in committee last year.

Human Services Agencies Support Bill To Increase Information Sharing

Representatives from human services agencies told a House panel Wednesday that the lack of easy, online access to various information databases can slow down and hinder their ability to provide services.

They urged the House Community and Family Advancement Committee to support legislation (HB 340) that would break down barriers between caseworkers and information they have legal access to, but often must work through bureaucratic hurdles to obtain.

"Improvements with information sharing would significantly enhance our ability to service Ohioans, provide better comprehensive case management, ensure program integrity and help safeguard the health and wellbeing of our clients and workers," said Joel Potts, executive director of the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association.

Mr. Potts said caseworkers are required to use different computer systems to provide services to clients who often participate in more than one program. In many cases, the necessary information is difficult to access and verify, which causes delays and frustration, he said.

Agencies are not requesting full access to each computer system or access to information that is not already available to them, he said.

Increasing access to information that already exists would allow caseworkers to make the system run more efficiently and effectively, he said.

The current process gives county agencies access to these files, but they can only be used through a paper process.

Chairman Rep. Tim Ginter (R-Salem) asked if any of the systems can connect with each other.

Mr. Potts said the systems mostly don't connect, and there can be even more complications if the information is requested across county lines.

Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chagrin Falls) asked if the changes could be done by the administration.

"We don't need legislation to do a lot of this, but without legislation we're going in the wrong direction," Mr. Potts said.

Mr. Potts told Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy) that it was difficult for caseworkers to provide comprehensive case management without ready access to different databases of information.

"The more information we have, the better we can provide that comprehensive case management," he said.

Matthew Battiato, director of Lake County Job and Family Services, provided examples of when appropriate "read-only" access to information will provide better customer service, increase efficiency, and help employees fulfill their mission.

Mr. Battiato said allowing children services workers to access all available information before knocking on a family's door will better prepare them for their own safety and the safety and well-being of the child. It can also streamline the process of verifying if a family is eligible for reimbursements, he added.

Amy Roehrenbeck, executive director for the Ohio CSEA Directors' Association, said most child support workers don't have access to information about other human services benefits, such as Medicaid.

"As technology has evolved, our programs have lagged behind, especially in the area of data sharing," she said.

While the bill doesn't specifically apply to child support enforcement agencies, she urged the committee to include them.

Angela Sausser, executive director of Public Children Services Association of Ohio, said in written testimony that the effect of inefficient data sharing can be serious for children services. She explained that children services agencies rarely have comprehensive medical records or history for a child when they remove them from the home. The lack of information inhibits them from fully caring for the child, she said.

Ms. Sausser gave the example of a diabetic child who is dependent on insulin and is removed from their home. "The PCSA has no way of knowing the child requires insulin if the parent does not share that information, putting the child at medical risk," she said.

"Having read-only access to Medicaid's Information Technology System (MITS) could help the PCSA learn this information if the child was insured through Medicaid," she added.

High Court: Sexual Imposition Charges Involving Two Young Children May Be Dismissed

A divided Ohio Supreme Court found Wednesday that a juvenile court did not err in dismissing gross sexual imposition charges against a minor under the age of 13 who engaged in sexual conduct with another young child.

Writing for the majority, Justice Bill O'Neill found that the Franklin County court had the authority to end the criminal prosecution and order treatment at an early stage of the proceedings.

"A juvenile court's primary concern is not always to determine culpability for acts that would be crimes if committed by an adult," Justice O'Neill wrote in the court's decision.

"As we have recognized in the past, holding a formal proceeding to determine whether a child was motivated by innocent curiosity or by culpable sexual gratification may be as bad or worse for the children involved - and for society - as was the act itself. The juvenile court must exercise its discretion in deciding the best course, and we owe substantial deference to the court's decision,"

The case stems from 2013 delinquency charges filed against a 12-year-old boy who engaged in sexual conduct with another boy who was almost 10, the high court's media arm reported.

The boy asked the court to dismiss the charges, arguing that it is unconstitutional to apply the gross sexual imposition law to minors under the age of 13 who engage in sexual conduct with another minor under the age of 13 and that the court had discretion to dismiss criminal charges.

The request was first denied by a juvenile magistrate. However, a juvenile court judge dismissed the charges. In dismissing the case, the judge found that it would be arbitrary to charge just one of the children since no threat of force or violence was involved.

The decision was appealed to the Tenth District Court of Appeals, which agreed with the prosecution and remanded the case to juvenile court.

The child then asked the high court to take up the appellate court's ruling.

"Given our conclusion that the juvenile court did not act unreasonably in the circumstances, we cannot substitute our own judgment in place of the order of that court. Likewise, the court of appeals should not have reversed the order to dismiss," Justice O'Neill wrote.

The majority, however, did not address the constitutional issue.

Justice O'Neill was joined in his opinion by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and Justice Terrence O'Donnell.

Justice Patrick Fischer concurred with the decision that the court did not abuse its discretion in dismissing the charges. However, he found the majority's decision to be broad.

"I do not join the lead opinion, however, because the lead opinion uses language that could be interpreted as an expansion of the material rights of juveniles when there is no basis in law to support such an expansion," he wrote.

Justice Sharon Kennedy wrote in a dissent that the court's majority "fails to adhere to our fundamental role as members of the judiciary when interpreting court rules."

"When a court rule is plain and unambiguous, we apply it as written," she wrote.
"Because the language of Juv.R. 9 is plain and unambiguous and does not grant a

juvenile court authority to dismiss a formally filed charge, the juvenile court abused its discretion in dismissing the delinquency complaint in this case," she wrote.

She was joined in her opinion by Justice Judith French and Justice Patrick DeWine.

Retiree Advocates Vote To Oppose Recent OPERS Cost-Of-Living Proposal

Board members of a group representing public retirees has voted to oppose recent cost-of-living adjustment changes proposed by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.

After a nearly two hour discussion, the board of Public Employee Retirees, Inc. voted 12-0 to oppose the OPERS board's recent approval of a recommendation to link COLAs to the Consumer Price Index and cap them at 2.25%.

"There is really no need for OPERS to take the option at this time," PERI CEO Geoff Hetrick said, describing the board's rationale. "They're on solid financial footing - and those are (the system's) words, not mine."

In response, OPERS spokesman Todd Hutchins said the system's trustees spent months discussing the changes "while carefully considering feedback from our members and retirees."

"The final proposal incorporates feedback we received from those meetings with stakeholders," Mr. Hutchins said. "The board believes their recommendations will improve the long-term solvency of the system."

OPERS trustees adopted the plan Oct. 18, with two members representing retirees voting against the move. If approved by lawmakers the change would reduce unfunded liabilities about \$4 billion by moving away from the current 3% flat COLA. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 18, 2017)

PERI's board had previously pledged support for a 2.5% cap proposal OPERS had considered. But when OPERS amended the proposal last week to a 2.25% cap following a motion by board member Herman Mollmann, that support was placed in jeopardy.

Mr. Hetrick described the PERI board's deliberations as "lengthy and spirited," but said the final decision was unanimous in rejecting OPERS' action.

"They're perplexed that OPERS would feel motivated to take this kind of action to substantially reduce the cost-of-living adjustment benefit when they're in such a strong financial position," Mr. Hetrick said of his board members.

He said the board authorized staff to "look at several options" to advocate its position going forward. He added that PERI will communicate with its members soon on next steps.

A message posted online said PERI is "in the process of planning action to address this situation and will inform retirees of steps they should take to assist us in our efforts to mitigate the decision by OPERS board."

Governor's Appointments

Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission: Sheriff Larry L. Sims of Springboro for a term beginning Oct. 25 and ending Aug. 21, 2021.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Thursday, October 26

State Board of Education, 26 S. Front St., Columbus, 1 p.m. (Gifted Advisory Council)

Broadcast Educational Media Commission, 2470 North Star Rd., Columbus, 2 p.m. (Finance Committee)

Tuesday, November 14

House Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia, Netzley Rm. (004), Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

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Senate Activity for Wednesday, October 25, 2017

INTRODUCED

SB 223 ■ **USED TIRES** (LaRose, F.) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. Am. 1345.99 & En. 1345.022

SCR 16 ■ **COMMERCIAL TRUCKS** (Yuko, K.) To urge Congress to enact legislation requiring commercial trucks to use side guards and establishing side guard technical specifications.

PASSED

HB 118 ■ **PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS** (Merrin, D.) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner.

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SB 127 ■ **WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES** (LaRose, F.) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside.

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SB 139 ■ **LEGAL MATERIALS** (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.) To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

32-0; Earlier REPORTED (No testimony)

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SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 3 ■ **WEEK DESIGNATION** (Beagle, B., Balderson, T.) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.

32-0

REFERRED

Education:

SB 191 ■ **SCHOOL BREAKFAST** (Schiavoni, J.) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools.

Government Oversight & Reform:

SB 221 ■ **AGENCY RULEMAKING** (Uecker, J.) To amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 127.18 (106.024); to enact sections 101.352, 101.353, 106.032, 121.93, 121.931, 121.932, and 121.933; and to repeal section 121.76 of the Revised Code to reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof.

Health, Human Services & Medicaid:

HB 184 ■ **DENTISTRY** (Gavarone, T., DeVitis, T.) To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene.

SB 193 ■ **LONG-TERM CARE** (Tavares, C.) To create a long-term care inspection committee.

Judiciary:

HB 79 ■ **FIREARMS TRAINING** (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.) To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

SB 194 ■ **VEHICLE TOWING** (Terhar, L.) To require only one notice to be sent to a vehicle owner and any known lienholder after a vehicle is towed from a private tow-away zone.

SB 198 ■ **MARRIAGE AGE** (Yuko, K.) To make changes to the laws governing the ages for which persons may marry.

SB 207 ■ **STRANGULATION** (Kunze, S.) To expand the offense of felonious assault to include knowingly causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another person by means of strangulation or suffocation.

Transportation, Commerce & Workforce:

SB 189 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Tavares, C.) To designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Franklin County as the "Senator John W. E. Bowen III Memorial Highway."

SB 212 ■ **BRIDGE NAMING** (Schiavoni, J.) To designate the bridge spanning State Route 11, that is part of Mahoning Avenue in Austintown Township in Mahoning County, as the "Women Veterans Bridge."

Ways & Means:

HB 24 ■ **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS** (Ginter, T.) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501C(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

HB 116 ■ **SALES TAX** (Merrin, D.) To exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax.

SB 209 ■ **TAX EXEMPTIONS (Coley, B.)** To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Ways & Means

SB 181 ■ **GARBAGE FEES (O'Brien, S.)** To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta) said his bill "would allow all Ohio municipal corporations that charge residents for garbage collection fees to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor. The county auditor, in turn, would be required to enter those fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes."

Under current law, only municipal corporations located in charter counties may certify unpaid garbage collection fees for collection through a property tax lien, the sponsor explained.

Constituents in Ashtabula brought the matter to his attention, he said. It's one of many Ohio cities not located in the two charter counties currently in existence in Ohio, and thus has no mechanism by which to enforce unpaid fees.

Sen. O'Brien reason behind the differing laws are unclear, nevertheless "it is an oversight that needs to be corrected."

"Essentially, by not providing a uniform, state-level, mechanism for the collection of these fees across all municipalities, this section of ORC language is currently allowing the citizens of most municipalities in Ohio - in other words, those not located in either Cuyahoga or Summit County - to break local laws and forgo paying legally-levied fees," he said.

In addition, the sponsor said state law specifies that the fees must be certified to the county fiscal officer versus the county auditor. The bill also addresses that issue, which has created further confusion in his district, he said.

Responding to questions from **Sen. Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City), the sponsor said the bill would level the playing field on garbage collection fees for all counties, and that the bill is specific to that issue and doesn't address other fees because it was the only matter brought to his attention in that regard.

Government Oversight & Reform

SB 139 ■ **LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (**REPORTED (No testimony)**; 6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 201 ■ **PRISON TERMS (Bacon, K., O'Brien, S.)** To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and

Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the Department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law.

(CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 202

OFFENDER RE-ENTRY (Bacon, K., O'Brien, S.) To require the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to establish a reentry program for all offenders released from prison who it intends to have reside in a halfway house or similar facility but who are not accepted by any such facility; to require the Adult Parole Authority to establish maximum work-load and case-load standards for its parole and field officers and have enough trained officers to comply with the standards; to require that GPS monitoring used for offenders released from prison under such monitoring specify restrictions, including inclusionary zones and necessary exclusionary zones; to require the Department to establish system requirements for GPS monitoring of such offenders by the Department or third-party contract administrators; to require the Department to operate a statewide database for law enforcement use containing specified information about such offenders; to require that third-party administrators for GPS monitoring under a new contract with the Department provide and use a law enforcement-accessible crime scene correlation program; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 206

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS (Huffman, M.) To enact the Ohio Citizen Participation Act to provide protections to persons who engage in certain specified protected communications and to protect the identity of persons who anonymously engage in online communications under certain circumstances. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The legislation is designed to "provide protection for individuals exercising their constitutional right to free speech against frivolous lawsuits designed to stifle opposition," **Sen. Matt Huffman** (R-Lima) said in sponsor testimony.

"Such a lawsuit is essentially a game of legal attrition, sending a message to potential critics that those who speak out will face stress, time commitments, and expensive legal bills over a period of months or even years that many defendants cannot endure," he said.

The legislation aims to expedite the process of dismissal for such lawsuits and includes protections for online commenters facing litigation.

"Should this legislation be enacted, Ohio would join twenty-eight states that have already adopted similar laws to protect the rights to free speech," Sen. Huffman said. "The Ohio Citizen Participation Act is supported by numerous groups and individuals of diverse backgrounds and political affiliations such as the ACLU, ALEC, the Ohio News Media Association, and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network."

Chairman **Sen. Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Twp.) questioned why existing court rules are not enough to deal with such lawsuits.

Sen. Huffman said a motion for summary judgement is the most commonly used method to dispose of such a case. However, he said it can often be a long and costly process to reach that point.

Governor's Appointments: The committee recommended full Senate approval of the appointments of Marcella Boyd Cox to the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, and Pandora Shaw Dupras, Matthew Rubin and Pamela Steurer to the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

Energy & Natural Resources

SB 95 **PIPING MATERIALS (Terhar, L.)** To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project. (**CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent**)

Subscriber's Note: For full written testimony, see the [committee's website](#) under Oct.25.

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No legislative committees scheduled.

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Tax Credit Authority, Rm. South A, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.
Controlling Board, North Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Sunday, October 29

Ohio Democratic Party state dinner, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, 4:30 p.m., (Featured speaker: Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe)
Democratic gubernatorial debate, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, 6 p.m.

Monday, October 30

Gov. John Kasich to address Kasich to address leaders of Keidanren, an economic organization with membership of more than 1,300 Japanese companies, Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 12 p.m.
JobsOhio media availability on Ohio & Japan trade relationship, State Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 2:30 p.m.
Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-Adena) fundraiser, The Galley, 203 2nd St., Marietta, 5:30 p.m., (Special Guest Congressman Bill Johnson. \$1,000 Chair | \$500 Host | \$250 Sponsor | \$150 per Couple | \$100 per Individual to Hoagland for Ohio)

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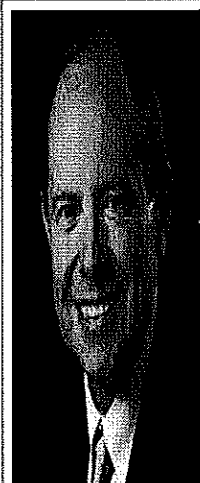
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Lawmaker: No 'Fireworks' Expected For Medicaid Funding Request At Controlling Board Monday

The Department of Medicaid will make its first request Monday before the Controlling Board for funding held back in the state budget, and one panelist downplayed the potential for majority GOP lawmakers to block the move.

While the delay in providing the funding and the additional oversight has prompted some consternation, conservative Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) said in an interview he didn't anticipate any drama.

"I don't expect any fireworks or anything of significant interest," he said.



Sen. Hottinger

The money - \$264 million from the state Health and Human Services Fund - is used to draw down federal money for a total of more than \$900 million in Medicaid funding for Fiscal Year 2018, according to a memo from the Governor's Office of Health Transformation.

Next fiscal year, the administration will have to request another \$311 million from the board in order to draw down federal funds for a total of nearly \$1.1 billion.

The administration says the funding is vital for the Medicaid program to function.

"Without these funds, Ohio Medicaid would have to cut provider payments 16 percent effective January 1 in order to keep Ohio's budget in balance," the OHT memo said.

"Those cuts would include home health, behavioral health, doctors, hospitals and others - all types of providers except nursing homes, which the legislature protected from any rate reduction."

"Alternatively, if the funds are not released or the rates are not reduced, then Medicaid is projected to run out of money in May 2018 and be unable to pay all providers, including nursing homes," the memo continued.

Sen. Hottinger said inaction by the Controlling Board would have serious effects on the program.

"If for some reason the Controlling Board would choose not to act, there would be significant cuts that would be imposed on the poor and medically fragile people," he said.

The request comes after lawmakers added language to the biennial budget bill (HB 49) giving the Controlling Board greater authority over Medicaid spending. The language requires the Medicaid director to come before the board for a set amount of the program's budget.

Gov. John Kasich vetoed the provision, saying the provision also restricts the board from releasing funds if Congress reduces the percentage of federal funding for Medicaid.

"This limits the ability of the Medicaid director to effectively and efficiently manage the Medicaid program and obstructs the Administration's authority to maintain the fiscal stability and programmatic integrity that it has successfully established for the program," the governor wrote in his veto message.

Lawmakers overrode the governor's veto. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 22, 2017)

The funding affects the whole Medicaid program, not just the Medicaid expansion. Sen. Hottinger said that while the Medicaid expansion has been a hot topic among legislators, with lawmakers still weighing an override of veto of a freeze on new expansion enrollment, Monday's Controlling Board request "isn't the place to re-litigate that issue."

"The state of Ohio already went down the path of Medicaid expansion four years ago," he said. "That horse is out of the gate and long gone. If there is going to be a decision to scale back or claw back or repeal the expansion, there's a time and a place for that. That's certainly not a Controlling Board prerogative."

The item will likely provide an opportunity for members of the panel to ask about different parts of the Medicaid program, including enrollment.

"Anytime there's an appropriation or a release of appropriated funds that come before the Controlling Board, it's a great opportunity for questions," Sen. Hottinger said.

Tiberi's Congressional Seat Drawing Interest From Several State Lawmakers

A crowded field is expected for the special Republican primary to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-Galena), and many state lawmakers are eyeing the coveted congressional seat.

In interviews with a half dozen state lawmakers who live in the district, none ruled out the possibility of entering the race.

Mr. Tiberi announced plans to retire by Jan. 31, but jockeying for his seat in the 12th Congressional District has already begun. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 19, 2017)

Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) said a recently commissioned poll showed him leading the field of potential candidates.

"That's something that's certainly very encouraging and gives me a lot to ponder," he said.

Sen. Hottinger, who has served in the General Assembly since 1995, said several factors will come into play when making a decision about a potential congressional bid, including the time he would have to spend away from his family, his love for his current role in the upper chamber and dysfunction in Washington, D.C.

"There are months when I'll get two bills signed into law. For some congressmen, that might be a career," he said.

Family considerations will also be a major factor for Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander).

"I'm interested. I'm looking at the option because it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said. "I'm weighing how it's going to affect my children and also the likelihood of being successful."

The district includes all of Delaware, Licking, and Morrow counties along with portions of Franklin, Marion, Muskingum and Richland counties.

Delaware County - where Sen. Jordan's political career began at the age of 25 when he was elected to serve as a county commissioner - makes up nearly one-third of the sprawling district. The term-limited lawmaker believes that would be to his advantage.

"I think I'm in a strong position, but again, it's not just win or lose. It's also the family aspect and other things. I'm going to look at when making a decision, but I'm strongly considering it," he said.

Another Delaware County lawmaker weighing a bid is first-term Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville). In addition to his family, his current role at the Statehouse and the potential to have to run in as many as four elections over the course of less than one year will play a role in his decision-making.

Depending on when Rep. Tiberi steps down, winning the seat could require winning in a special primary election, a special general election, the May primary election and the November general election. Gov. John Kasich, who has ruled out a run for the seat, will set the dates of the special elections once the seat is officially vacated.

"If I'm going to proceed, I'd want to make sure that I have the confidence, not just of the people of the 12th District, but also the party leaders, the business community and potential donors to give a campaign of this magnitude the credibility that it commands," Rep. Carfagna said.

There is a possibility that a state lawmaker could run in the special primary election, lose and still be able to run to retain their Statehouse seat. However, that depends on the timing of the Mr. Tiberi's official resignation and the date Gov. Kasich sets for the special primary election, according to Sam Rossi, spokesman for Secretary of State Jon Husted.

The third member of the three-person Delaware County Statehouse delegation, Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell), has announced his intention to seek Sen. Jordan's seat next year.

Among other officials planning to seek the GOP nomination for the congressional seat is Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien.

Rep. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) said he is currently gauging the community and business support he would have for a congressional bid. A member of the legislature since 2000, Rep. Hughes said his phone has been "blowing up" with people encouraging him to run.

"Business leaders and community leaders are encouraging me to look at it. What I'm doing right now is I'm in the information stage in terms of getting information back, seeing how strong that support is, and what I'll do is I'll make a decision once I get that information," he said.

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) said he has yet to discuss a potential congressional bid with anyone. But he also refused to rule it out.

"The people that have got me to where I am today will be in there and we'll just kind of evaluate," he said.

Another member of the upper chamber evaluating a potential run is Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park).

"I'm taking a hard look at it, making a lot of calls," he said. "The response has been very positive to this point. I'm not making any announcement yet."

Sen. Bacon said the fact that he lives in Franklin County might not be much of a disadvantage in a district dominated more by Delaware and Licking counties.

"With any race, you have to assess strengths and weaknesses and look at the overall dynamic. That is one factor, but then there are some unknown factors," he said. "We don't know who's going to get in. You also have fundraising ability, you have grassroots, whether or not you can outwork the opponents."

Another lawmaker in the district, Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville), has announced her intention to seek the seat of term-limited Sen. Bacon.

Other names that have been floated as potential candidates are Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) and Rep. Wes Goodman (R-Cardington). Neither returned calls seeking comment by publication time.

Republican Brandon Grisez announced his candidacy before Rep. Tiberi made his plans to resign publicly known.

Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo had also been rumored to be interested in the race, but he recently dropped a bid for state auditor and announced he would instead seek reelection.

On the Democratic side, Ed Albertson, John Peters and Doug Wilson have filed to run for the heavily Republican seat. Franklin County Recorder Danny O'Connor is also reportedly interested in the race.

Kasich Touts Job Growth, Talks Tech Industry Developments

Gov. John Kasich Friday said Ohio has gained 490,700 jobs since he took office, crediting the growth to the state's business climate and economic development efforts.

Speaking at a meeting of JobsOhio officials in Grandview Heights, the governor also discussed potential investments from high-tech companies like Google and Amazon, saying the state should focus on becoming a more diversified economy.

"I think the key to success has been total team effort," he said. "We have an administration that wants to work with job creators."

The administration said the state, since January 2011, has seen a job growth rate of 11.4%, or 24th in the nation, while the rate was 4.5% over the previous 20 years, or 48th in the nation.

The administration also said the state's wage growth of 18.9% has outpaced the national rate of 14.7%.

The governor said it's important to diversify the state's economy beyond manufacturing jobs.

"We're still very heavy on manufacturing, particularly advanced manufacturing, but it's always been my goal to diversify us. So whether it's energy, whether it's health care, whether it's financial services or logistics, these jobs are now beginning to grow in our state," he said.

The growth of different businesses is vital to ensuring the state's economic health, Gov. Kasich said.

"If you want to make something, Ohio's a place where we make things, we're all for it," he said. "But we also want to be a knowledge economy. We don't want to be thought of as the Rust Belt. Who wants to be thought of as rusty? We want to be the Knowledge Belt."

Gov. Kasich said he recently met with officials at Google, and hoped the tech company would soon bring jobs to Ohio.

On Amazon's search for a second headquarters, which has drawn interest from most of the country, the governor pointed to the fact that Ohio is already home to one of Amazon's three cloud computing centers and more than 10,000 employees.

The governor said the work trying to recruit Amazon is mostly coming from the cities and regional officials at this point, but he stressed that the state didn't intend to get into a bidding war for the new headquarters.

"We're not just going to give stuff away to corporations," he said. "And if we give them something and they don't deliver, we'll take it back. You don't buy a deal."

JobsOhio President John Minor said the economic development entity has worked to bring about 20,000 new jobs to the state so far this year, and to retain about 100,000.

FirstEnergy CEO Expects Legislative Approval Of ZEN Bills In 1Q 2018

FirstEnergy CEO Chuck Jones told investors Friday that he's anticipating a bill to grant cost recovery to nuclear plants to clear the House Public Utilities Committee by year's end and a final legislative vote early next year.

Committee chairman Rep. Robert Cupp (R-Lima) in response said no decisions have been made on the bill's potential timeline. He added that he was not speaking for leadership.

"Every bill in our committee will have a hearing," Rep. Cupp said. "The timing for HB 381 has not been determined."

Mr. Jones made his remarks during the company's third quarter earnings call. He was specifically referring to a recently introduced legislation (HB 381) from Rep. Anthony DeVitis (R-Green), which is the third bill so far to propose the creation of a zero-emission nuclear credit program to benefit FirstEnergy plants. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 16, 2017)

"The Ohio House Public Utilities Committee is expecting to hold hearings on the bill over the next several weeks with a vote possible by year end," Mr. Jones said. "We expect a final vote in the legislature around the middle of the first quarter."

Rep. DeVitis and Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) and Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Hudson) introduced the first two ZEN bills in April (HB 178 & SB 128) and they remain in their respective committees with no vote in sight. Mr. Cupp's committee hasn't held a hearing on HB178 since the measure's third hearing in May.

Rep. DeVitis introduced the latest version - HB381 - earlier this month, saying he wanted to enlist cosponsor support, which he had neglected to do on the earlier bill. That bill has been assigned to Rep. Cupp's committee but has received no hearings.

The ZEN bills have stoked controversy, with opponents labeling the plan a bailout and arguing consumers shouldn't be put on the hook for a company's poor decision making.

"FirstEnergy has made a business judgment to spend hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars on plants like Davis-Besse and Perry since Ohio deregulated its electric sector, and that spending has made these plants financially unsustainable," according to Madeline Fleisher of the Environmental Law & Policy Center. "They took a risk that the plants could compete in PJM and the risk has not paid off because natural gas plants provide lower cost power. This type of failure takes place in competitive markets every day."

Rep. DeVitis' latest bill is roughly similar to his prior proposal but it does cap residential and nonresidential customers' monthly charges and downsize the program's lifespan from 16 years to 12.

"While revenue resulting from this legislation would be a reduction from the previous version it would likely make the plants economically viable particularly in the restructuring scenario at (FirstEnergy Solutions), we believe this effort is imperative for Ohio's energy security," Mr. Jones said.

The company has argued the bills would help maintain the nuclear resources and adequately compensate them for their contribution to the state's energy portfolio and the environment. Local governments and labor groups from FirstEnergy's footprint have also rallied to push for the bills' passage.

"This bill would create a program to help protect the state's nuclear plants and ensure they continue to support well-paid jobs, economic growth and affordable electricity generation and environmental progress," Mr. Jones said.

Mr. Jones told investors the company's push for the ZEN program will continue despite recent federal moves to examine ways to support nuclear resources. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 23, 2017)

But Mr. Jones has also told lawmakers in the past when testifying in person on the previous bills that even with the ZEN bill, the continued operation of FirstEnergy's nuclear plants isn't assured.

"Whether these state or federal activities result in meaningful and timely support remains to be seen," Mr. Jones said. "But it is encouraging to see the much-needed attention on these very important issues."

Transportation Officials Highlight Social Impacts Of New Technology At OSU Event; Ed Panel Talks Research

The statewide push to adopt new forms of transportation is led by the desire to improve safety, health and quality of life, officials said Friday.

Speaking at the John Glenn Leadership Forum at Ohio State University, Randy Cole, executive director of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, said efforts to install various automated technology along roadways and in vehicles will lead to efficiencies while also saving lives.

"What we're trying to do is a public health matter. It's that big of a deal," he said, pointing to statistics that show 2.4 million injuries in the U.S. last year involved vehicles - more than double the injuries caused by violent crime.

Yet, many surveys of drivers reveal they wouldn't trade driving for autonomous vehicles, Mr. Cole said. He thinks they're surveying the wrong people.

About 100 million Americans are unable to drive safely because of disabilities or advanced age, he said.

"We have a different approach to this silver tsunami that's coming," Mr. Cole said, suggesting that expanded mobility opportunities increase engagement and therefore health in some aging individuals.

William Murdoch, executive director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, said his agency is also keeping an eye on how Baby Boomers will impact the need for expanded transportation options.

"When they can't afford (driving) or an ailment knocks them out of that, that's when their quality of life knocks down," he said.

Meanwhile, there's another large group of Americans that don't drive because they can't afford vehicles or have access to ride-sharing apps that require bank account information.

Brandi Braun, deputy innovation officer for Columbus, said the city is using its Smart City grant funding to better plan for getting individuals to and from work on public transportation.

The city will pilot driverless shuttles at Easton Town Center, where a variety of jobs can be reached within one mile of current bus routes, she said.

Surveys of individuals who might use the route overwhelmingly support the plans and say they'd happily ride on driverless shuttles to save them extra walking from the bus stop to a job site, Ms. Braun said. However, the city still plans to do significant outreach for the project.

"We will have a lot of work to do from a Smart Columbus, city and regional standpoint to educate, inform, build trust, have systems and policies in place where we are encouraging the culture shift that will be needed," she said, adding: "We can't just put these projects out on the street and walk away and expect them to be accepted and utilized fully."

While some are currently willing to somehow bridge the gap between the bus and work or home and the bus stop, it's unsafe, Mr. Murdoch said. There have been deaths in central Ohio related to walking in all conditions to get from stops to work or home.

However, there are many who won't make the effort to get on buses because they take significantly longer than driving in a car.

"If you're trying to get to one of our job centers, you...have to take a bus an hour and then the job areas require you to walk or go that last mile," he said. "How do you make that easier for people, how do you open those jobs to people who don't have access to them."

Mr. Cole said the answer could be driverless vehicles or other emerging technology supported by the state.

"There is a shared mobility that goes with this that lowers the barrier to mobility," he said.

Getting buy-in from residents as well as those who are working in government is key to ensuring efforts move forward, Mr. Cole said. At the turnpike, he said he focuses on explaining what technology can do for the state rather than how it works.

He also aims to ensure state workers that their jobs won't be replaced even though they'll be different and better informed by data from new technology.

"People are still going to be a big part of all these projects," he said.

When it comes to autonomous vehicles or the Hyperloop One project that could create a high-speed connection between Columbus, Chicago and Pittsburgh, Mr. Murdoch said those working in central Ohio transportation are encouraged by seeing the technology up close.

Staff has traveled to San Francisco to ride in the driverless Google car and MORPC employees have seen Hyperloop prototypes, he said.

The goal is to ensure those experiences not only fascinate state transportation leaders, but also get them thinking about how they can serve Ohioans and others in the nation, Mr. Murdoch said.

"Technology is changing so quickly, we've got to keep our eye on the benefits" he said.

Ms. Braun echoed those sentiments.

"The lead shouldn't be on the tech side or the framework behind it, it's more about the impacts you're having on the community," she said.

Education Panel: Education stakeholders also came together at the OSU event to discuss how research can inform policy and program decisions.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria said there is no required order those three must be done, nothing that in many cases implementation of a program begins first and is then followed by research that could result in policy decision.

The goal of his agency is finding where good work is being done and promoting it, he said, because sometimes schools don't realize what they're doing could be translated into programs in other schools around the state.

"We don't tell the stories of success in Ohio effectively at all," Mr. DeMaria said, adding that ODE is building an evidence-based clearinghouse for schools to research best practices and programs in other schools throughout Ohio.

The state also needs to be looking more into areas where the data shows schools aren't doing so well, he said.

"We have to be making sure we're focusing on those places of underperformance that we find we just have to get a better handle on," Mr. DeMaria said.

Groundwork Ohio Executive Director Shannon Jones, said advocacy organizations like hers must get lawmakers to more often prioritize issues based on clear evidence.

Early childhood education has been studied for nearly four decades and it's still not to capacity in the state despite research showing its effectiveness in preparing children across all socio-economic backgrounds to succeed in school.

"Having been a policy maker, I can tell you that very little policy is actually based on evidence," the former lawmaker said.

As an administrator for Marietta City Schools, Tasha Werry said she uses research to implement state mandates as well as to show the effectiveness of programs created in her district.

High Court Seeks Input On Grand Jury Records Change; DOJ Settles With Tea Party Groups; ACLU Releases Bail Report...

Absent any legislative action taken on the issue, the Ohio Supreme Court is asking for public comment on a grand jury records recommendation made by one of its task forces.

The court will accepted public comment until Nov. 22 on an amendment to Criminal Rule 6 that would allow for the limited release of records from grand jury proceedings in cases in which there is no indictment and it is proven that transparency outweighs secrecy in the case, the court reported.

A court would then be able to hold a hearing on the matter after the requestor and the prosecuting attorney is notified.

The court could then order the release of the record if certain conditions are met, including widespread knowledge by the general public of the criminal investigation and the identity of the person being investigated.

That was one of several recommendations made by the Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Ohio Grand Jury System. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 13, 2016)

However, those recommendations have garnered little traction in the General Assembly. Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said he would be open to more transparency in the grand jury process, but suggested that it could be done through a rule change rather than law. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 27, 2017)

Other proposed amendments for which the court is seeking public comment would also allow for attorneys to more easily remove themselves from cases after agreeing to serve as counsel only for a specific portion of a case.

The proposed amendments must be filed with the General Assembly by Jan. 15 to take effect on July 1. Despite seeking public comment, the high court may not file any or all of the proposed amendments with the legislature.

Public comments should be submitted in writing to Jess Mosser, policy counsel Ohio Supreme Court, 65 S. Front St., Seventh Floor Columbus, OH 43215 or Jesse.Mosser@sc.ohio.gov.

Lawsuit Settlement: The Department of Justice announced that it has settled two lawsuits alleging tea party groups were improperly targeted by the IRS.

In announcing the settlements, which still require court approval, Attorney General Jeff Sessions blamed the administration of former President Barack Obama for "using inappropriate criteria to screen applications for 501(c) status."

"These criteria included names such as 'Tea Party,' 'Patriots,' or '9/12' or policy positions concerning government spending or taxes, education of the public to 'make America a better place to live,' or statements criticizing how the country was being run. It is also clear these criteria disproportionately impacted conservative groups," he said.

The Portage County TEA Party was a party in one of the lawsuits. Executive Director Tom Zawistowski called the lawsuit "a long and hard fight for justice."

"We accomplished our goals of exposing the tyranny of our government under the Obama administration, doing something to stop it, and making sure it doesn't happen again.... Not many people can take on any government agency, let alone the IRS, and win," he said.

Bail Report: Nearly 30% of defendants in Cuyahoga County who received low-level bonds spent their entire pre-trial period in jail because they did not have \$500 or less to secure their release, a report released by the ACLU of Ohio found.

Among other findings in the report, "Enhancing Pretrial Justice In Cuyahoga County: Results From a Jail Population Analysis and Judicial Feedback," was that 25% of the felony pre-trial population in the Cuyahoga County Jail remained detained throughout the pre-trial period, with an average stay of 104 days.

The report also found that 38% of the Cuyahoga County Jail population released on personal bond spent more than one week in pre-trial detention.

"The report on Cuyahoga County bail practices confirms on a local level what we've already seen coming out of statewide and federal data -- which is that many people stay in jail simply because they cannot pay a few hundred dollars to get out," said Mike Brickner, senior policy director of the ACLU of Ohio.

"Numerous studies show that as little as 72 hours in jail pretrial can cause a person's life to unravel, by losing their jobs, housing, or custody of children, among many other

issues. The moment is now for implementation of reform that brings about actual and sustainable change."

Hurricane Help: The American Bar Association is offering free Continuing Legal Education webinars to aid attorneys that wish to help with recovery efforts from hurricanes Harvey, Irma or Maria, the high court announced.

"Ohio lawyers stepped up when Hurricane Harvey hit. Victims of the next two giant storms need legal help, too. All will be navigating difficult legal situations, from unemployment benefits and insurance payouts to lost records and applications for federal assistance," Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor said.

"Attorneys who join in this ABA effort are helping to ensure that access to fair and effective justice is available to all Americans, not just those who can afford the services of an attorney."

Liability Insurance: The Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company has again been recognized as one of the fastest growing property and casualty liability insurance companies in Ohio by *Columbus Business First*.

It marks the fourth consecutive year the OBLIC has received the recognition.

"We are honored to be ranked in *Columbus Business First* as among the fastest growing property and casualty insurance companies in Ohio," said Steve Couch, president and CEO of the OBLIC. "We are ahead of that pace for 2017, at approximately 8% growth through September. OBLIC is the only insurance carrier exclusively devoted to protecting Ohio attorneys, and we are pleased to have earned the trust and loyalty of lawyers and law firms all over Ohio."

Stivers Threat: A Westerville man has pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of threatening to murder and assault U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Columbus), the Department of Justice announced.

E. Stanley Hoff, 68, of Westerville faces up to 10 years in prison after he left threatening voicemails on Mr. Stivers' Hilliard office phone.

Cocaine Bust: The DOJ also announced a Canadian man has been sentenced in federal court to 96 months in prison after a plane he was flying was found to be carrying 290 pounds of cocaine.

Sylvain Desjardins, 48, of Maribel, Canada was piloting the plane that landed at Gordon K. Bush Airport at Ohio University on March 29. He pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine.

His passenger, David Ayotte, 46, also of Maribel, Canada, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was sentenced to 63 months in prison.

Bar Exam: The high court announced Thursday that of the 936 applicants who sat for the bar exam in July, 664 received passing scores.

Disciplinary Cases: The Board of Professional conduct on Friday released its November schedule of cases for hearings..

Agency Briefs: BWC Board Gets Analysis Of House Bill; State Sends Guard Help To Puerto Rico; SOS; Labor Force; IG; Lottery; AG; PUCO; ODNR; Statehouse

An actuarial analysis presented to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's Board of Directors Thursday showed a legislative proposal to change workers' comp benefits would likely reduce annual costs by \$4.8 million.

The analysis of the legislation (HB 269) estimated the new limits on permanent total disability payments and the creation of extended benefits compensation would reduce costs by \$8.7 million.

Increased survivor benefits would raise annual payments by about \$3.9 million, the analysis said.

The board also approved new rules to bring the certification of providers in line with changes made in the budget (HB 49) to licensing boards. Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison also told the board the bureau will add a supervisor and 10 customer service representatives to its office at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, with the new call center designed to supplement the bureau's existing center in Pickerington.

Adjutant General: An Ohio National Guard transportation company was slated to leave Friday to provide logistical support in the efforts to help Puerto Rico recover from Hurricane Maria.

About half of the 86 Soldiers from the 1483rd Transportation Company, based out of Walbridge, were set to depart from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base to assist in transporting food, water, equipment and fuel in support of the relief efforts, the Adjutant General's Office reported. The other half of the company is scheduled to depart Sunday.

Gov. John Kasich noted the deployment in a statement posted to his Twitter account.

"Puerto Rico still has a long way to go in their recovery, and I'm glad Ohio is always ready to help," he wrote. "Good luck to our National Guard members assisting the effort and stay safe down there!"

Since Hurricane Harvey in late August, more than 200 Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have supported hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Secretary of State: Through Oct. 20, more than 250,000 absentee ballots had been requested for the Nov. 7 election and 69,223 votes have been cast, according to the secretary of state's office.

A total of 26,275 voters have cast absentee ballots in person.

Military and overseas voters have requested 1,004 ballots, and 193 of those have been cast.

Labor Force: Unemployment rates fell in 85 counties and rose in three counties in September as the state's unemployment rate dropped to 5.3%, according to the Department of Job and Family Services. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 20, 2017)

Mercer County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8%, with Putnam, Delaware, Hancock, Holmes, Auglaize, Union, Wyandot and Madison also coming in at or below 3.5%, according to the state.

The highest unemployment rate in the state was in Trumbull County, at 7.9%. Mahoning, Monroe and Meigs also came in at or above 6.9%.

Inspector General: Randall Meyer reported that an investigation found a Department of Rehabilitation and Correction parole officer used his position to assist in the release of an offender not under his supervision.

The investigation determined Parole Officer Andrew Bernier made calls and visits to an inmate in the Montgomery County Jail while he was on disability leave, contacted an alcohol and drug treatment center to secure a bed for an inmate, and convinced a judge to order the inmate's release.

The IG report recommended the department determine if he violated the terms of his disability leave benefits and consider appropriate remedies. The report was forwarded to the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.

Ohio Lottery: The Lottery announced the Mega Millions game will be redesigned starting Saturday, with larger jackpots and faster rolls.

Starting jackpots will increase from \$15 million to \$40 million, and will grow faster, the lottery said. There are also better odds to win \$1 million prizes and higher secondary prizes, and ticket prices will increase from \$1 to \$2.

"We're excited to bring this change and the opportunity to create more millionaires with the Mega Millions game. Our players demand entertaining games that deliver attention-grabbing jackpots, and this change will do that," Director Dennis Berg said in a statement.

Attorney General: Mike DeWine announced a partnership with the NRA to bring training programs for school staff, school resource officers and law enforcement. The first training was held Oct. 24 and 25 in Wellston.

The National School Shield's Security Assessor Training focuses on security assessment methods and improving building security.

"I'm proud to partner with the NRA to bring their National School Shield training to Ohio," said Attorney General DeWine. "Keeping our children safe at school is a top priority at every school, and the expertise and resources that they provided through this program will help further this important work."

On Friday, Mr. DeWine and 45 other attorneys general announced a \$220 million settlement with Deutsche Bank over "fraudulent and anticompetitive conduct involving the manipulation of the London interbank offered rate, or Libor, a benchmark interest rate that has a widespread impact on global markets and consumers."

Under the agreement, about \$213 million will be used to reimburse government and nonprofit groups that had Libor-linked swaps and other investment contracts with Deutsche and that were harmed by the activity, the Ag reported. Several Ohio entities, including pension funds, hospital systems, and universities are expected to qualify.

Public Utilities: The Ohio Power Siting Board postponed a hearing scheduled for a wind farm on Lake Erie.

The adjudicatory hearing for Icebreaker Windpower Inc.'s proposal will be rescheduled a later date.

A public hearing is set for Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. at Cleveland City Council Chambers, and a second public hearing will be scheduled later.

The adjudicatory hearing was originally set for Nov. 17.

The change comes after staff requested more time to get information from the company.

Natural Resources: The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management reported a total of 2,657 permits have been issued for drilling in the Utica shale as of Oct. 21, with 2,150 wells drilled and 1,716 in production.

The department also presented its Cardinal Award to Ducks Unlimited, whose conservation programs have restored more than 87,000 acres of wetlands and habitat, investing almost \$30 million.

"We are fortunate to have partners like Ducks Unlimited to assist us in our pursuit and promotion of conservation projects across Ohio," ODNR Director Jim Zehringer said in a statement. "They have been instrumental in helping us further ODNR's mission to protect Ohio's natural resources now and for future generations."

Ohio Statehouse: The Statehouse Museum Shop will host a book signing and food tasting Nov. 15 called "Taste of Ohio" in the Map Room. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The food tasting will include products from Giorgio Cookie Co., Bellisari's, Nature's Honey Tree, Silver Bridge Coffee Co. and De Massimo's Authentic Sauces.

The book signings will include "Ohio in Photographs: A Portrait of the Buckeye State," by Ian Adams and Randall Lee Schieber; "Mr. Chairman: The Life and Times of Ray C. Bliss," by William Hershey and John Green; and "True Tales from the Campaign Trail; Stories Only Political Consultants Can Tell," by Jerry Austin.

Ohio Business: AEP, FirstEnergy, Goodyear, Dana, Owens Corning, Timken, Others Report Earnings

FirstEnergy Corp. reported third quarter earnings of \$396 million or \$0.89 per basic and diluted share of common stock, on revenue of \$3.7 billion.

That compares to \$380 million in earnings on revenue of \$3.9 billion during the same quarter in 2016, the Akron-based utility said in its earnings report.

"During the quarter, we achieved solid results from each of our businesses, and made continued progress on our regulated growth strategies," Charles E. Jones, FirstEnergy president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. "We remain focused on meeting our commitments to the investment community, and we are pleased to raise our full-year 2017 operating earnings guidance above our previous range."

Goodyear: The Akron-based tire giant reported third quarter sales of \$3.9 billion, up from \$3.8 billion a year ago, "with the increase largely attributable to improved price/mix, which drove revenue per tire up 5 percent over the 2016 quarter, excluding the impact of foreign currency translation."

Net income for the quarter was \$129 million (50 cents per share), down from \$317 million (\$1.19 per share) in the same quarter last year, the company said. Third quarter 2017 adjusted net income was \$177 million (70 cents per share), down from \$310 million (\$1.17 per share) in 2016.

Dana Incorporated: The company's third-quarter sales came in at \$1.83 billion - 32% higher than in the same quarter last year, the Maumee company reported on Thursday.

"The quarterly increase was driven in part by recent acquisitions that contributed \$133 million," according to a company release. "Currency provided a tailwind to sales of \$28 million."

Net income for the third quarter was \$69 million, compared with \$57 million in 2016. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.46 in the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$0.39 in the same period last year.

The results prompted Dana to raise its full-year guidance. Estimates now show annual sales as high as \$7.2 billion and earnings of up to \$850 million, or \$2.50 diluted adjusted earnings per share.

Owens Corning: The company saw record net sales in the third quarter, coming in at \$1.7 billion.

That total is up 12% over the same period last year, the company said. It attributed the jump, in part, to roofing segment net sales, which increased 13%.

The Toledo company also reported net earnings of \$96 million, or \$0.85 per diluted share, compared with \$112 million, or \$0.97 per diluted share. Adjusted earnings were \$141 million, or \$1.25 per diluted share, compared with \$125 million, or \$1.08 per diluted share last year.

"Owens Corning delivered another strong quarter, despite some isolated market challenges. We remain confident in our ability to finish the year with strong financial performance," Chairman and CEO Mike Thaman said in a statement.

Timken: The North Canton company on Wednesday raised its full-year outlook after posting a 17% increase in sales for the third-quarter.

Sales were \$771 million, generating net income of \$53.5 million, or earnings per diluted share of \$0.68, on a GAAP basis, Timken reported.

"The results reflect higher demand across most end-market sectors led by industrial distribution and off-highway, as well as the benefit of acquisitions and currency," said the company, which produces engineered bearings and mechanical power transmission products.

PolyOne: Revenue increased 10% to \$818 million in the third quarter, the company announced Wednesday. Adjusted earnings per share also increased to \$0.58 from \$0.55 in the prior year.

The results follow the Cleveland company's recent announcement of a 30% expansion of its quarterly dividend and plans to raise the company's annual dividend 60% cumulatively over the next three years.

Huntington: The company saw a 116% increase in year-over-year net income in the third quarter. It reported net income of \$148 million, marking the second consecutive quarter of gains.

Earnings per common share were also up 109% to \$0.23, Huntington said. Excluding about \$31 million pretax of FirstMerit acquisition-related net expenses, adjusted earnings per common share were \$0.25.

"The 2017 third quarter marked the one-year anniversary of the largest acquisition in Huntington's history, and we have substantially completed the integration. We fully implemented \$255 million of annualized cost savings, and continue to execute on the deal-related revenue synergies," said Steve Steinour, chairman, president, and CEO. "Consistent execution of our core organic growth strategies, coupled with the realization of these acquisition economics, are the key drivers of third quarter results."

Vantiv: Total third-quarter revenue increased 13% to more than \$1 billion in comparison to the previous year, the company reported. Net revenue also increased 13% to \$554.2 million.

Net income per diluted share attributable to Vantiv increased 39% to \$0.57 as compared to \$0.41 in the prior year period.

AEP: The company's leader said it's narrowing operating earnings guidance in response to milder weather as of late.

"In the last 35 years, only 1992 had milder temperatures than what we've experienced in the first nine months of 2017," said Nicholas K. Akins, AEP chairman, president and chief executive officer.

"The weather negatively impacted earnings by 16 cents per share year-to-date versus our expectations, but we've taken proactive steps to reduce anticipated expenses and offset the majority of this impact. We are maintaining our previously stated 2018 operating earnings guidance range of \$3.75-\$3.95 per share and our forecasted growth rate of 5-7%."

Third-quarter earnings were \$545 million, or \$1.11 per share, compared with a GAAP loss of \$766 million or \$1.56 per share in the same quarter of 2016, the utilities company announced Thursday.

Operating earnings, meanwhile, were \$543 million or \$1.10 per share, compared with operating earnings of \$640 million or \$1.30 per share last year.

Lancaster Colony: Consolidated net sales increased 2.6% to a first-quarter record \$298.9 million, the company reported.

The gain comes as retail net sales grew 6.2% to \$162.1 million, it said. Organic sales increase 4% and the sales from Angelic Bakehouse, which the company acquired in November 2016, added 2.2%.

In the quarter, net income was \$29.4 million, or \$1.07 per diluted share, compared to \$33.4 million, or \$1.22 per diluted share, last year.

M/I Homes: The Columbus homebuilder reported third-quarter net income of \$22.3 million, or \$0.64 per diluted share, which is an increase from \$10.9 million in the same period last year.

For the first nine months of the year, the company said it took in net income of \$56.2 million, or \$1.73 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$36.0 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share, for 2016.

Cincinnati Financial: The company reported Third-quarter 2017 net income of \$102 million, or 61 cents per share, compared with \$180 million, or \$1.08 per share, in the third quarter of 2016.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Monday, October 30

Tax Credit Authority, Rm. South A, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Thursday, November 2

Broadcast Educational Media Commission, 2470 North Star Rd., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Monday, October 30

Gov. John Kasich to address Kasich to address leaders of Keidanren, an economic organization with membership of more than 1,300 Japanese companies, Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 12 p.m.

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Event Planner

Sunday, October 29

Ohio Democratic Party state dinner, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, 4:30 p.m., (Featured speaker: Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe)
Democratic gubernatorial debate, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, 6 p.m.

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JobsOhio media availability on Ohio & Japan trade relationship, State Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 2:30 p.m.
Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-Adena) fundraiser, The Galley, 203 2nd St., Marietta, 5:30 p.m., (Special Guest Congressman Bill Johnson. \$1,000 Chair | \$500 Host | \$250 Sponsor | \$150 per Couple | \$100 per Individual to Hoagland for Ohio)

Tuesday, October 31

Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor on the Lake) & Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Rogers and Committee to Elect John Patterson)

Wednesday, November 1

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) & Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) fundraiser, Einstein's Bros. Bagels, 41 S. High St., Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Emilia Sykes Campaign and Sykes for Office)
Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel and/or Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)
Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Dave Greenspan)
Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,000; Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Individual: \$350 to Seitz for Ohio and/or Citizens for Blessing)
Rep. Bernadine Kent (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Lincoln Cafe, 740 E. Long St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Kent for Ohio)

Thursday, November 2

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) and Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) fundraiser 110217, Olde Schoolhouse Winery, 152 Ohio 726, Eaton, 5:30 p.m., (\$500 Event Host | \$250 Event Sponsor | \$80 per Couple | \$50 per Person to Citizens for Bill Beagle and/or Citizens for Rezabek)

Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Medina) fundraiser, High & Low Winery, 588 Medina Road, Wadsworth, 6 p.m., (Special Guest President Larry Obhof. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Hambley for House Committee)

Friday, November 3

Division of State Fire Marshal public hearing, 8895 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 8

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) and Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 Citizens for Duffey and/or Lanese for Ohio)

Tuesday, November 14

Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Olivers, 26 N. High St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host:\$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Patron:\$350 to Brinkman Campaign Committee)

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) fundraiser, Hey Hey, 361 East Whittier Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$1000 Rockstar - includes table of 6 | \$500 Opening Act | \$350 Groupie to Matt Huffman for Ohio. 5:30pm Reception | 6:00pm Klatt Brothers Band | 8:00pm After Party with Surprise Guest)

Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Ingram for the People)

Wednesday, November 15

Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) and Rep. Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 41 S. High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Janine Boyd and Friends of Stephanie Howse)

Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) fundraiser, Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500 to Romanchuk for State Rep)

Rep. Tavia Galonski (D-Akron) fundraiser, Westies Gastropub, 940 S. Front Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Tavia Galonski)

Thursday, November 16

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) fundraiser, Shady Hollow Country Club, 4865 Wales Avenue NW, Massillon, 5:30 p.m., (\$1,000 Chair | \$500 Host | \$250 Sponsor | \$50 per Individual to Oelslager for Ohio Committee. Special guests: Sens. Obhof, Peterson, Gardner and Manning)

Tuesday, November 28

Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) and Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) fundraiser, Olivers, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Brigid Kelly and Kent Smith Committee)

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) fundraiser, Pub Mahone, 31 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)

Wednesday, November 29

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) fundraiser, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 41 S High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Michele Lepore-Hagan for State Representative)

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Scott Lipps)

Ohio House Republican Organizing Committee fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to OHROC)

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio)

Thursday, November 30

Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova Township) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Derek Merrin)

Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Madeira) fundraiser, Seth and Susanna Schwartz residence, 9075 Old Indian Hill Road, Cincinnati, 6 p.m., (Chair: \$10,000; Sponsor: \$5,000; Host Committee: \$2,500; Patron: \$1,000 to Friends for Jonathan Dever)

Tuesday, December 5

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Special Guest Rep. Ryan Smith. Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Gary Scherer)

Ohio House Democratic Caucus fundraiser, location to be announced, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500 to Tim Schaffer for State Representative)

**Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B,
136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500
to Citizens for Schuring Committee)**

Wednesday, February 28

**Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Legislative Luncheon, Renaissance
Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus, 12 p.m.**

Monday, June 4

**Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Golf Outing, The Lakes, 6740
Worthington Rd., Westerville**

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 10/30/2017

Tuesday, October 31

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 337** **COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS (Duffey, M.)** To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 351** **MILITARY TAX EXEMPTION (Perales, R., Butler, J.)** To require municipal corporations to exempt from taxation the military pay of members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 343** **PROPERTY VALUES (Merrin, D.)** To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 371** **PROPERTY TAX (Merrin, D.)** To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Dever, J., 466-8120), Rm. 114, 10 a.m.

- SB 163** **COUNTY INVESTMENTS (Wilson, S.)** To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 329** **PYRAMID SCHEMES (Pelanda, D.)** To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 353** **UNCLAIMED FUNDS (Reineke, B.)** To exempt certain open-loop prepaid cards, closed-loop prepaid cards, and rewards cards from the Unclaimed Funds Law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

- HB 156** **VISION CARE INSURANCE (Schuring, K.)** Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 284** **AUTO INSURANCE (Antani, N.)** To create a study committee to author a report making recommendations about ways to reduce the cost of insurance premiums among commercial drivers ages eighteen to twenty-five. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3506), Rm. 119, 11 a.m.
House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 113, 1:30 p.m.

- HB 263** **OUTDOOR DINING AREAS (Lanese, L.)** To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. (4th Hearing-Interested Party)

HB 211 **HOME INSPECTORS (Hughes, J.)** To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
House Education & Career Readiness (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 3 p.m.

HB 338 **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (Ginter, T.)** Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 318 **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.)** To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 360 **BULLYING (Greenspan, D.)** To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Cupp, R., 466-9624), Rm. 116, 3 p.m.

- **Presentation from PUCO Chairman Asim Haque on Ohio's electric regulatory framework**
Wednesday, November 1

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- **Autonomous and Connected Vehicles Hearing**
- **Manufacturers Briefing: To educate the committee on the basics of AV/CV technology and predicted timeline of implementation. Witnesses: Harry Lightsey, Executive Director of Emerging Technologies - General Motors; Al Prescott, Associate General Counsel & Directory of Regulatory Affairs - Tesla; Douglas Longhitano, Manager, Connected & Automated Vehicle Policy - American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

HB 131 **PHYSICAL THERAPY (Gavarone, T., Reineke, B.)** To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute)

HB 241 **DIABETES REGISTRY (Barnes, J.)** To establish the Ohio Diabetes Registry. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 332 **ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Antani, N.)** Regarding anatomical gifts, transplantation, and discrimination on the basis of disability. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

HB 335 **AWARENESS MONTH (Lepore-Hagan, M., Howse, S.)** To designate April as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

HJR 4 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Schuring, K.)** Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 382 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Schuring, K.)** To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount

of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 312

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING (Schuring, K., Greenspan, D.) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 87

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 361

TAX COMPLAINTS (Greenspan, D.) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HCR 10

ANTI-SEMITISM (Thompson, A., Greenspan, D.) To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 341

PUBLIC RECORDS (Huffman, S., Cera, J.) To include judges as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, and whose addresses public offices, upon request, must redact from records available to the general public on the internet. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 342

TAX LEVIES (Merrin, D.) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

SB 201

PRISON TERMS (Bacon, K., O'Brien, S.) To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the Department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 202

OFFENDER RE-ENTRY (Bacon, K., O'Brien, S.) To require the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to establish a reentry program for all offenders released from prison who it intends to have reside in a halfway house or similar facility but who are not accepted by any such facility; to require the Adult Parole Authority to establish maximum work-load and case-load standards for its parole and field officers and have enough trained officers to comply with the standards; to require that GPS monitoring used for offenders released from prison under such monitoring specify restrictions, including inclusionary zones and necessary exclusionary zones; to require the

Department to establish system requirements for GPS monitoring of such offenders by the Department or third-party contract administrators; to require the Department to operate a statewide database for law enforcement use containing specified information about such offenders; to require that third-party administrators for GPS monitoring under a new contract with the Department provide and use a law enforcement-accessible crime scene correlation program; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 221

AGENCY RULEMAKING (Uecker, J.) To amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 127.18 (106.024); to enact sections 101.352, 101.353, 106.032, 121.93, 121.931, 121.932, and 121.933; and to repeal section 121.76 of the Revised Code to reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 122, 10 a.m.

HB 291

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE (Wiggam, S.) To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

SB 86

DAY DESIGNATION (Hackett, B.) To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing Children's Day." (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 121

PIPE MATERIALS (Edwards, J.) To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

HB 323

GARBAGE FEES (Patterson, J.) To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 364

VOTER REGISTRATION (Clyde, K.) To designate the fourth Tuesday of September as "Ohio Voter Registration Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 71

AGENCY CONTRACTS (Manning, G.) To allow a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to authorize its executive director to execute contracts valued at \$50,000 or less without the board's prior approval. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 144

DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.) To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

- HB 380** **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Seitz, B., Householder, L.)** To prohibit illegal and unauthorized aliens from receiving compensation and certain benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 336** **LICENSE FEES (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.)** To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 268** **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)** To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law with respect to self-insuring employers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.
- HB 66** **TENURED FACULTY (Young, R.)** To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)
House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 1:31 p.m. or after session
- HR 193** **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL (Antonio, N., Strahorn, F.)** A resolution urging Congress to award a Congressional Medal of Honor to the late Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)
- HCR 7** **BANKING LAWS (Sheehy, M., Ramos, D.)** To urge the Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking function that was in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 12** **AMTRAK SERVICE (Sheehy, M.)** To urge Congress and the President of the United States to support a federal budget that retains Amtrak passenger service in Ohio. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 15** **IMMIGRATION (Ramos, D.)** To urge the President of the United States to restore the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program and to urge the Congress of the United States to pass the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2017. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m. or after session
- HB 362** **HPRS RETIREMENT (Carfagna, R., Ramos, D.)** To revise the law governing the State Highway Patrol Retirement System. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
House Criminal Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Manning, N., 644-5076), Rm. 121, 3 p.m. or after session
- HB 283** **ADOPTIONS (Rezabek, J.)** To require the juvenile court judge to provide written consent to certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute & amendments)

HB 365

PAROLE MONITORING (Hughes, J., Boggs, K.) To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the ~~minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration~~; to allow the Department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; to require the Department to establish a reentry program for all offenders released from prison who it intends to have reside in a halfway house or similar facility but who are not accepted by any such facility; to require the Adult Parole Authority to establish maximum work-load and case-load standards for its parole and field officers and have enough trained officers to comply with the standards; to require that GPS monitoring used for offenders released from prison under such monitoring specify restrictions, including inclusionary zones and necessary exclusionary zones; to require the Department to establish system requirements for GPS monitoring of such offenders by the Department or third-party contract administrators; to require the Department to operate a statewide database for law enforcement use containing specified information about such offenders; to require that third-party administrators for GPS monitoring under a new contract with the Department provide and use a law enforcement-accessible crime scene correlation program; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 234

REPRODUCTIVE CARE (Howse, S., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To criminalize impeding access to reproductive health care and to create a cause of action for harassment or intimidation of one or more employees of a health care facility. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 374

CHILD ENTICEMENT (Duffey, M., Cupp, R.) To create additional criminal prohibitions within the offense of criminal child enticement and to classify criminal child enticement as a tier I sex offense when committed by a registered sex offender. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m.

SB 70

CHILD SUPPORT (Coley, B.) To amend the child support laws. (4th Hearing-Possible vote)

HB 340

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Young, R.) Regarding the release of information concerning public and medical assistance recipients. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 383

CHILD CARE (Carfagna, R.) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 309

PARENTAL RIGHTS (Gonzales, A., Rezabek, J.) To generally prohibit a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)


HB 366

CHILD SUPPORT (Gavarone, T.) To make changes to the laws governing child support. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Wednesday, November 8

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

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Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:24 AM
Subject: Pizza, pretzels, beer, & policy with AFF

Hello--

My name is Esther Bardo and I'm the Columbus chapter leader of America's Future Foundation. I'd like to personally invite you to our next event, this Wednesday, November 1 at Callahan's!

Join us as we discuss the policy issues currently facing Ohio with The Buckeye Institute's Daniel Dew and Americans for Prosperity's Micah Derry. See below for further details.

Hope to see you there,
Esther

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Join us next week!



The Heart of it All The Policies Behind the Issues

When: Wednesday, November 1, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Callahan's Columbus, 520 Park Street, Columbus

Cost: Free!

RSVP now!

The heart of it all — Join us for a discussion of the policies behind the issues facing our state.

This month, we are welcoming two leading policy voices: **The Buckeye Institute's Legal Fellow, Daniel Dew**, and **Americans for Prosperity's State Director, Micah Derry**. Dew will examine the potential effects of amending Ohio's traditional criminal justice system with respect to victims' rights. Derry will describe the dangers of artificial price control and government overreach in Ohio's economy. Join us for this dynamic discussion on some of the key issues facing our state.

November 1st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Callahan's — Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and your first drink is on us! RSVP now.

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From: State Policy Team

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 5:07 PM

To: State Policy Team

Subject: Obamacare Tax Repeal-Ohio Congressional Delegation

Attachments: ATR-OHLetter.pdf

Americans for Tax Reform and the Buckeye Institute will send the following enclosed coalition letter (attached and pasted below) to members of the Ohio congressional delegation tomorrow, urging them to repeal the 20 tax increases included in Obamacare.

If you would like to add your name to the list of signers before this letter goes out to members of Congress tomorrow afternoon, you can do so by responding to this email or emailing state@atr.org. By adding your name to this letter, you will help send a strong message in defense of Ohio taxpayers. The text of the letter reads as follows:



Dear Members of the Ohio congressional delegation:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations we write to urge you to prevent the Obamacare tax on health insurance from going into effect in 2018.

Unless you and your colleagues act soon, this tax, along with the tax on medical devices, will go into effect January 1, 2018, leading to higher premiums and higher costs for middle class families, seniors, and small businesses. Ideally, both the health insurance tax and medical device tax should be repealed permanently, as should all one trillion dollars of Obamacare taxes.

Absent full repeal, it is critical that lawmakers should act to delay these two taxes so they do not hit taxpayers in 2018. While both are harmful to taxpayers, the health insurance tax is particularly devastating.

In Ohio alone, it is estimated that the Obamacare health insurance tax will cost between 3173 and 5920 jobs by 2023, causing a loss of \$1 billion in economic growth over a decade.

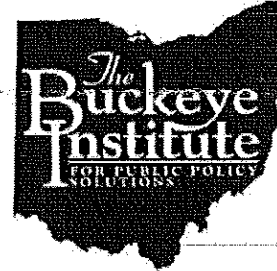
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Already, American families have been hit hard by Obamacare's tax increases. The law imposed multiple taxes that have increased the cost of care for families and reduced choice including a tax on Americans facing high medical bills, multiple taxes on health savings accounts, a tax on prescription medicines, and a tax for failing to buy health insurance.

The last thing taxpayers need is even more taxes to go into effect. It is imperative that you and your colleagues work to prevent new Obamacare taxes from harming your constituents, including the tax on health insurance.

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Progressive Insurance to create 900 new jobs in Highland Heights expansion

Updated on October 31, 2017 at 7:37 AM Posted on October 30, 2017 at 12:35 PM



One of Progressive's local campuses is in Mayfield. *(File photo)*

By Teresa Dixon Murray, The Plain Dealer

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Progressive Corp. plans a \$30 million expansion in Highland Heights, bringing 900 new jobs.

The Mayfield-based insurer, which employs about 9,000 locally, was approved for a 12-year tax credit for nearly \$63 million in new annual payroll. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority today said it approved a 2.35 percent job creation tax credit. In exchange, Progressive agrees to maintain the operations for at least 15 years.

The expansion will also help retain nearly 10,000 jobs, according to Team NEO, the economic development organization focused on creating local jobs. Those retained jobs have a total payroll of about \$819 million

The incentives were approved today by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority in Columbus. The Progressive project was among several statewide announced today by Ohio Gov. John Kasich in a news release.

There were hints Progressive could have opened its new operation in another state.

In a statement, Progressive Chief Human Resources Officer Lori Niederst said the insurer chose Northeast Ohio for its expansion because of a talented labor pool and a business-friendly environment.

"Progressive has called Northeast Ohio home for 80 years. We know it's a great place to live, work and play and we're pleased to be adding jobs here," Niederst said in the statement in a Team NEO news release. "We are committed to attracting and developing the top talent in this area to help us meet our goal of becoming the number one choice and destination for auto and other insurance."

The company today didn't indicate when the construction or hiring will begin. The expansion is expected to be finished by December 2021.

"We're early in the planning phase," said spokesman Jeff Sibel. The new facility will be next to an existing Progressive building in Highland Heights, he said, adding, "We're looking forward to working with the city to finalize our expansion plans."

Progressive expects to open the new location to "accommodate increased business needs related to company growth," according to the state. The workforce will include some "qualifying work from home employees," most of who will work in customer service and headquarters duties.

Team NEO said in a statement that a group including representatives from its office, JobsOhio and the Greater Cleveland Partnership worked together on the Progressive expansion project.

Bill Koehler, CEO of Team NEO, said in a statement that officials are glad Progressive is expanding locally. He added that Ohio is second only to New York City for the number of headquarters for U.S. banks and insurance companies, saying Ohio is "a premier location for businesses given its financial services, innovation network, abundant tech-savvy talent and top-rated banking business climate.

"We are committed to helping Progressive and the rest of this sector grow and thrive in Northeast Ohio," Koehler added.

Joe Roman, president and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, said in a statement that Progressive's investment shows its "continued confidence in Greater Cleveland's business environment."

Progressive provides property insurance provides insurance for both individuals and businesses for autos, homes and other property. It is the nation's fourth-largest auto insurer, behind State Farm, Geico and Allstate. It has about 27,000 employees.

The tax credit was technically granted to Progressive Casualty Insurance, Progressive Specialty Insurance and Progressive RSC.

Plain Dealer reporter Michelle Jarboe contributed to this story.

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HB 398

MICRO DISTILLERIES (Perales, R., Boggs, K.)

To revise the law governing sales of spirituous liquor by micro-distilleries.

HB 399

HEALTH INSURANCE (Henne, M., Butler, J.)

To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees.

HB 400**BRIDGE NAMING (Holmes, G.)**

To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of State Route 169 in Trumbull County, as the "World War I and World War II Veterans Memorial Bridge."

HB 401**BRIDGE NAMING (Holmes, G.)**

To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of United States Route 422 in Girard, as the "Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge."

HB 402**TELEPHONE REGULATION (Hill, B.)**

To revise state regulation of telephone companies.

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CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

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HB 50**EBT CARDS (Schaffer, T.)**

To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Wednesday, November 1

HB 119**SNAP (Henne, M., McColley, R.)**

Regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program.

Wednesday, November 1

HB 137**CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Kent, B.)**

To make municipal and county peace officers

mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect.

Wednesday, November 1

HB 174

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT (Hughes, J.,
Lanese, L.).**

To add two judges to the Domestic Relations
Division of the Franklin County Court of Common
Pleas to be elected in 2018.

Wednesday, November 1

HB 214

ABORTION (LaTourette, S., Merrin, D.)

To prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or
attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a
pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion
because an unborn child has or may have Down
Syndrome.

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HB 292

OHIO RESIDENCY (Scherer, G.)

To modify the test for determining an individual's
state of residence for income tax purposes.

Wednesday, November 1

BUSINESS INCOME (Scherer, G.)

To provide that wages and guaranteed payments
paid by a professional employer organization to the
owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted
with the organization may be considered business
income.

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REFERRED

Criminal Justice

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HB 389

DEATH PENALTY (Antonio, N.)

To abolish the death penalty.

HB 391

ECONOMIC LOSSES (Merrin, D.)

= A To include the cost of accounting done to determine the extent of economic loss as a type of economic loss for which restitution may be granted.

HB 394

MANDATORY BINDOVERS (Rezabek, J.)

To eliminate mandatory and reverse bindovers, and modify the procedures for discretionary bindovers, of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to a criminal court; to revise the procedures for determining the delinquent child confinement credit; to revise certain delinquent child financial sanction dispositions and procedures and establish a separate restitution disposition; and to provide special parole eligibility dates for persons with an indefinite or life sentence imposed for an offense other than aggravated murder or another crime involving the purposeful killing of multiple persons committed when the person was under age 18 and special Parole Board procedures in those cases.

Economic Development, Commerce & Labor

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HB 385

WAGE INFORMATION (West, T.)

To prohibit a state agency from preventing an employee from discussing the employee's own wages or another employee's wages, to prohibit a state agency from seeking a prospective employee's wage or salary history, to prohibit retaliation against an employee who discusses wages or opposes a prohibited act or practice, and to create the Wage Disparity Study Committee.

HB 392

APIARY DAMAGES (Stein, D.)

To grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases.

Energy & Natural Resources

HB 393

BRINE SALES (DeVitis, T., O'Brien, M.)

To authorize a person to sell brine derived from an oil and gas operation that is processed as a commodity for use in surface application in deicing, dust suppression, and other applications.= A

Federalism & Interstate Relations

HB 395

FIREARM ACCESSORIES (Patmon, B.)

To prohibit the manufacture, sale, or transfer of any trigger crank, bump-fire device, or other product that accelerates a semi-automatic firearm's rate of fire but does not convert it into an automatic firearm.

Finance

HB 396

STEM LOANS (Patterson, J., Carfagna, R.)

To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation.

Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development

HB 386

CREDIT FREEZES (Henne, M., Kelly, B.)

To modify the fees that a credit reporting agency can charge in relation to a credit report freeze.

HB 390

FORCIBLE ENTRY (Merrin, D.)

To clarify how to calculate certain timelines under

which a forcible entry and detainer action must occur.

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Government Accountability & Oversight

SB 127

WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (LaRose, F.)

To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside.

SB 139

LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)

= A To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

Health

SB 143

DAY DESIGNATION (Eklund, J.)

To designate September 25 as 'International Ataxia Awareness Day' in Ohio.

HB 397

NEWBORN SCREENING (Boggs, K., Butler, J.)

To include spinal muscular atrophy as an additional disorder to be screened for under the Newborn Screening Program. = A

Insurance

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SB 169

TRAVEL INSURANCE (Wilson, S.)

To oversee the sale of travel insurance.

Transportation & Public Safety

HB 384

VEHICLE TOWING (Gonzales, A.)

To require only one notice to be sent to a vehicle

owner and any known lienholder after a vehicle is towed from a private tow-away zone.

HB 387

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BRIDGE NAMING (Bocchieri, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.)

To designate the bridge spanning State Route 11, that is part of Mahoning Avenue in Austintown Township in Mahoning County, as the "Women Veterans Bridge."

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HB 388

LICENSE PLATE (Sykes, E., Roegner, K.)

To create the "Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens" license plate.

Ways & Means

SB 186

BUSINESS INCOME (Peterson, B.)

To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM WORKGROUP: APPOINT REPS. ARNDT AND ROMANCHUK.

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Sub. H. B. No. 31 - Representative Cupp

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Becker, Blessing, Conditt, Goodman, Green, Householder, Huffman, Koehler, Lipps, Reineke, Riedel, Roegner, Scherer, Seitz, Schaffer, Sprague, Stein, Anielski, Hambley, Antani, Dever, Duffey, Edwards, Faber, Gavarone, Ginter, Henne, Manning, McColley, Miller, Patton, Perales, Rezabek, Rogers, Ryan, Slaby, Smith, R., Sweeney, Thompson, West, Wiggam, Young Senators Coley, Balderson, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, Jordan, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Terhar, Uecker, Wilson

To amend sections 9.23, 107.06, 111.16, 147.541, and 189.05, to revive and amend section 5139.44, and to repeal sections 9.239, 147.542, 147.543, 189.01, 189.02, 189.03, 189.04, 189.06, 189.07, 189.08, 189.09, 189.10, 935.26, 935.27, and 935.28 of the Revised Code, and to repeal Section 7 of Am. Sub. H.B. 52 of the 131st General Assembly, Section 3 of Sub. H.B. 463 of the 130th General Assembly, Sections 745.10, 751.20, 751.37, 751.120, 751.130, and 751.140 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly, and Section 4 of Sub. S.B. 310 of the 130th General Assembly to revive the RECLAIM Advisory Committee, to formally abolish certain defunct boards, to abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council and the Local Government Innovation Council, to eliminate electronic notaries, and to eliminate commission fees for compensated officers appointed by the Governor.

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1228.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1224.)

(House recommends passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 221.)

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 1, 2017, p. 189.)

Bills for Third Consideration

H. B. No. 214 – Representatives LaTourette, Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Thompson, Becker, Antani, Butler, Koehler, McColley, Riedel, Wiggam, Keller, Brinkman, Faber, Goodman, Hambley, Retherford, Henne, Hood, Blessing, Schaffer, Ginter, Johnson

To amend section 3701.79 and to enact sections 2919.10 and 2919.101 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome.

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1126.)

Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

Am. H. B. No. 174 – Representatives Hughes, Lanese

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Blessing, Craig, Smith, K., Boggs, Brown, Galonski

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, one to be elected in 2018 and one to be elected in 2020, and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 24, 2017, p. 1115.)

Sub. H. B. No. 119 – Representatives Henne, McColley

Cosponsors: Representatives Retherford, Becker, Hambley, Roegner, Dean, Goodman, Seitz, Young, Schaffer, Vitale, Koehler, Thompson, Huffman, Ginter, Brenner, Greenspan

To amend sections 5101.47, 5101.54, and 5160.47 and to enact sections 5160.29, 5160.291, 5160.292, and 5160.293 of the Revised Code regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1126.)

Am. H. B. No. 137 – Representative Kent

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Miller, Clyde, Manning, Rezabek, Celebrezze, Rogers

To amend section 2151.421 of the Revised Code to make peace officers mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect and to expand the types of peace officers authorized to receive reports of child abuse and neglect.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1088.)

H. B. No. 292 – Representative Scherer

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Retherford

To amend section 5747.24 of the Revised Code to modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1131.)

H. B. No. 334 – Representative Scherer

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Retherford

To amend section 5733.40 of the Revised Code to provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1133.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Bocchieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby

Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

H. B. No. 83 – Representatives Smith, K., Howse

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Leland, Boccieri, Craig, Ashford, Lepore-Hagan, West, Sprague, Holmes, Sykes, Antonio, Cera, Boyd, Riedel, Kent, Green, Sheehy, Johnson, Reece

To enact section 5534.56 of the Revised Code to designate the planned boulevard known as the Opportunity Corridor within Cleveland as the "Carl and Louis Stokes Opportunity Corridor."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1125.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

H. B. No. 98 – Representatives Duffey, Boggs

Cosponsors: Representatives Miller, Bishoff, Dever, Dean, West, Seitz, Zeltwanger, Hood, Young, Stein, Lepore-Hagan, Romanchuk, Brenner

To amend section 3313.471 of the Revised Code regarding the presentation of career information to students.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1088.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson

Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Bocchieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

H. B. No. 230 – Representatives Gonzales, Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Greenspan, Dean, Johnson, Boccieri, Retherford, Hughes, Goodman, Antani

To amend sections 4781.40, 5301.072, 5311.191, and 5321.131 of the Revised Code to prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1050.)

H. B. No. 244 – Representative Patterson

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Boccieri, Slaby, Roegner,

Smith, K., Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1029.)

Sub. H. B. No. 254 – Representative Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives Gavarone, Greenspan, Perales, Hambley, Carfagna, Green, Lanese, Johnson, Goodman, Hill, Retherford, Dean, Boccieri, Romanchuk, Arndt, Antani, Reece, Miller, LaTourette, Becker, Patton, Dever, Conditt, Sweeney, Roegner, Pelanda, Riedel, Young

To amend section 9.50 of the Revised Code to enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1127.)

H. B. No. 257 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Craig, Faber, Galonski, Greenspan, Hambley, Lepore-Hagan, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, K., Sprague, Sweeney, Perales, West, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Kick

To enact section 5534.804 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

Am. H. B. No. 264 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Hudson City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1128.)

Am. H. B. No. 265 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.906 of the Revised Code to create the "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1128.)

H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 270 – Representatives Smith, K., Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Hagan, Leland, Kelly, Greenspan, Craig, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boccieri, Strahorn, Faber, West, Sweeney, Riedel, Boyd, Cera, Sykes, Antonio, Celebrezze, Howse, Young, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Kick

To enact section 5534.491 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-271 in Cuyahoga County as the "Captain Michael Palumbo Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1129.)

H. B. No. 279 – Representative Hill, Speaker Rosenberger

Cosponsors: Representatives Riedel, Cera, Ryan, Gavarone, Duffey, Antonio, Leland, McColley, Brenner, Boccieri, Seitz, Strahorn, Faber, Smith, K., West, Schaffer, Goodman, Kent, Patterson, Hambley, Landis, Lanese, Sheehy, Thompson, Sweeney, Lipps, Arndt, Ashford, Carfagna

To require the Ohio History Connection to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1130.)

Sub. H. B. No. 286 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Schaffer, Schuring

To amend section 3712.01 and to enact sections 3701.36, 3701.361, 3701.362, and 3712.063 of the Revised Code to create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care, and to authorize certain hospice care programs to provide palliative care to patients other than hospice patients.

(Committee on Aging and Long Term Care recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1130.)

H. B. No. 307 – Representative Gonzales

Cosponsors: Representatives Riedel, Hambley, Arndt, Ashford

To enact section 5.263 of the Revised Code to designate September as "We Card Month."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1131.)

H. B. No. 308 – Representative Cera

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, West

To enact section 5534.64 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

H. B. No. 313 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Lanese, Sprague, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Johnson

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.594 of the Revised Code to create the "Pelotonia" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 315 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Holmes, Ashford, Carfagna

To enact section 5.257 of the Revised Code to designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 319 – Representative Lanese

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Arndt, Ashford, Carfagna

To enact section 5.036 of the Revised Code to designate a shelter pet as Ohio's official pet.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1133.)

H. B. No. 321 – Representatives Koehler, Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Goodman, Riedel, Brenner, Sweeney, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.891 of the Revised Code to create the "Lions Club" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 324 – Representatives Ashford, Sheehy

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Leland, Romanchuk, Rogers, Sweeney, Thompson, Smith, K., Miller, Lepore-Hagan, West, Riedel, Patton, Bocchieri, Strahorn, Clyde, Boggs, Celebrezze, Ingram, Kent, Huffman, Fedor, Patterson, Reece, Faber, Kelly, Craig, Antonio, Sykes, O'Brien, Young, Holmes, Ramos, Green, Greenspan, Householder, Hughes, Keller, Kick, Manning

To enact section 5534.48 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 330 – Representative Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Boggs, Celebrezze, Craig, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, Patton, Ramos, Riedel, Romanchuk, Scherer, Smith, K., Sweeney, West, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Manning

To enact section 5534.494 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1065.)

Sub. H. C. R. No. 9 – Representative Holmes

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccheri, Lepore-Hagan, Thompson, Celebrezze, Kent

To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia Hoerig to stand trial for the aggravated murder of her husband, Major Karl Hoerig, and to request that the United States terminate foreign aid payments to Brazil if Claudia Hoerig is not extradited.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends substitute concurrent resolution for adoption, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1124.)

H. R. No. 236 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Riedel, Sheehy, West, Fedor, Kent, Smith, K., Green, Householder, Johnson

To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends adoption, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1127.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Sub. S. B. No. 33 – Senator Eklund

**Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Terhar, Yuko, Williams, Skindell, Hoagland, Hite, Bacon, Coley, Thomas, O'Brien, Burke, Hackett, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Schiavoni, Tavares, Uecker, Wilson
Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Galonski, Kent, Lang, McColley, Rogers, Seitz**

To amend sections 2913.04, 2923.129, 2935.081, and 2951.041 and to enact section 5503.101 of the Revised Code to allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case; to authorize a court to continue on intervention in lieu of conviction an offender who is on it and violates any of its terms or conditions; and to allow certain state highway patrol troopers to administer oaths and acknowledge criminal and

juvenile court complaints, summonses, affidavits, and returns of court orders in matters related to their official duties.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1125.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, April 5, 2017, p. 317.)

(Senate committee on Judiciary recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 250.)

S. B. No. 62 – Senator Yuko

Cosponsors: Senators Thomas, Brown, Williams, Huffman, Hackett, Eklund, Tavares, Schiavoni, Beagle, Sykes, LaRose, Coley, Uecker, Skindell, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Terhar, Wilson Representative Hambley

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1048.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 3, 2017, p. 372.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 300.)

S. C. R. No. 8 – Senators O'Brien, Eklund

Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Brown, Huffman, Schiavoni, Terhar, Uecker, Wilson, Hackett, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Kunze, LaRose, Obhof, Oelslager, Peterson, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Yuko Representatives Johnson, Lanese, Riedel, Young, Zeltwanger

A resolution to urge the United States Missile Defense Agency to select Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Ravenna, Ohio, as the preferred site for a future east coast Missile Defense system.

(House committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends adoption, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1124.)

(Senate recommends adoption, see Senate Journal, June 28, 2017, p. 1027.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends adoption, see Senate Journal, June 27, 2017, p. 728.)

Pending Matters

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 – Representative Smith, R. – et al.

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)

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WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 1, 2017 - 1:30 PM

Consideration of Senate Amendments

Sub. H. B. No. 31 - Representative Cupp

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Becker, Blessing, Conditt, Goodman, Green, Householder, Huffman, Koehler, Lipps, Reineke, Riedel, Roegner, Scherer, Seitz, Schaffer, Sprague, Stein, Anielski, Hambley, Antani, Dever, Duffey, Edwards, Faber, Gavarone, Ginter, Henne, Manning, McColley, Miller, Patton, Perales, Rezabek, Rogers, Ryan, Slaby, Smith, R., Sweeney, Thompson, West, Wiggam, Young Senators Coley, Balderson, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, Jordan, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Terhar, Uecker, Wilson

To amend sections 9.23, 107.06, 111.16, 147.541, and 189.05, to revive and amend section 5139.44, and to repeal sections 9.239, 147.542, 147.543, 189.01, 189.02, 189.03, 189.04, 189.06, 189.07, 189.08, 189.09, 189.10, 935.26, 935.27, and 935.28 of the Revised Code, and to repeal Section 7 of Am. Sub. H.B. 52 of the 131st General Assembly, Section 3 of Sub. H.B. 463 of the 130th General Assembly, Sections 745.10, 751.20, 751.37, 751.120, 751.130, and 751.140 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly, and Section 4 of Sub. S.B. 310 of the 130th General Assembly to revive the RECLAIM Advisory Committee, to formally abolish certain defunct boards, to abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council and the Local Government Innovation Council, to eliminate electronic notaries, and to eliminate commission fees for compensated officers appointed by the Governor.

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1228.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1224.)

(House recommends passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 221.)

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 1, 2017, p. 189.)

Bills for Third Consideration

H. B. No. 214 - Representatives LaTourette, Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Thompson, Becker, Antani, Butler, Koehler, McColley, Riedel, Wiggam, Keller, Brinkman, Faber, Goodman, Hambley, Retherford, Henne, Hood, Blessing, Schaffer, Ginter, Johnson

To amend section 3701.79 and to enact sections 2919.10 and 2919.101 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome.

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1126.)

Sub. H. B. No. 50 - Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt,

Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

Am. H. B. No. 174 – Representatives Hughes, Lanese

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Blessing, Craig, Smith, K., Boggs, Brown, Galonski

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, one to be elected in 2018 and one to be elected in 2020, and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 24, 2017, p. 1115.)

Sub. H. B. No. 119 – Representatives Henne, McColley

Cosponsors: Representatives Retherford, Becker, Hambley, Roegner, Dean, Goodman, Seitz, Young, Schaffer, Vitale, Koehler, Thompson, Huffman, Ginter, Brenner, Greenspan
To amend sections 5101.47, 5101.54, and 5160.47 and to enact sections 5160.29, 5160.291, 5160.292, and 5160.293 of the Revised Code regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1126.)

Am. H. B. No. 137 – Representative Kent

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Miller, Clyde, Manning, Rezabek, Celebrezze, Rogers
To amend section 2151.421 of the Revised Code to make peace officers mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect and to expand the types of peace officers authorized to receive reports of child abuse and neglect.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1088.)

H. B. No. 292 – Representative Scherer

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Retherford

To amend section 5747.24 of the Revised Code to modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1131.)

H. B. No. 334 – Representative Scherer

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Retherford

To amend section 5733.40 of the Revised Code to provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1133.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Bocchieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31, 1151.311, 1151.312, 1151.32, 1151.321, 1151.323, 1151.33, 1151.34, 1151.341, 1151.342, 1151.343, 1151.344, 1151.345, 1151.346, 1151.347, 1151.348, 1151.349, 1151.35, 1151.36, 1151.361, 1151.37, 1151.38, 1151.39, 1151.40, 1151.41, 1151.411, 1151.42, 1151.44, 1151.45, 1151.46, 1151.47, 1151.471, 1151.48, 1151.49, 1151.51, 1151.52, 1151.53, 1151.54, 1151.55, 1151.60, 1151.61, 1151.62, 1151.63, 1151.64, 1151.66, 1151.71, 1151.72, 1151.99, 1153.03,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby

Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young,

Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

H. B. No. 83 – Representatives Smith, K., Howse

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Leland, Boccieri, Craig, Ashford, Lepore-Hagan, West, Sprague, Holmes, Sykes, Antonio, Cera, Boyd, Riedel, Kent, Green, Sheehy, Johnson, Reece

To enact section 5534.56 of the Revised Code to designate the planned boulevard known as the Opportunity Corridor within Cleveland as the "Carl and Louis Stokes Opportunity Corridor."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1125.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

H. B. No. 98 – Representatives Duffey, Boggs

Cosponsors: Representatives Miller, Bishoff, Dever, Dean, West, Seitz, Zeltwanger, Hood, Young, Stein, Lepore-Hagan, Romanchuk, Brenner

To amend section 3313.471 of the Revised Code regarding the presentation of career information to students.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, October 11, 2017, p. 1088.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccheri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Boccheri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson

Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccheri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger
To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

H. B. No. 230 – Representatives Gonzales, Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Greenspan, Dean, Johnson, Bocchieri, Retherford, Hughes, Goodman, Antani

To amend sections 4781.40, 5301.072, 5311.191, and 5321.131 of the Revised Code to prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1050.)

H. B. No. 244 – Representative Patterson

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Bocchieri, Slaby, Roegner, Smith, K., Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1029.)

Sub. H. B. No. 254 – Representative Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives Gavarone, Greenspan, Perales, Hambley, Carfagna, Green, Lanese, Johnson, Goodman, Hill, Retherford, Dean, Bocchieri, Romanchuk, Arndt, Antani, Reece, Miller, LaTourette, Becker, Patton, Dever, Conditt, Sweeney, Roegner, Pelanda, Riedel, Young

To amend section 9.50 of the Revised Code to enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1127.)

H. B. No. 257 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Craig, Faber, Galonski, Greenspan, Hambley, Lepore-Hagan, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, K., Sprague, Sweeney, Perales, West, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Kick

To enact section 5534.804 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 261 – Representatives Anielski, Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.772 and to enact section 4503.875 of the Revised Code to create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

Am. H. B. No. 264 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Hudson City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1128.)

Am. H. B. No. 265 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.906 of the Revised Code to create the "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1128.)

H. B. No. 266 – Representative Roegner

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.907 of the Revised Code to create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 13, 2017, p. 1031.)

H. B. No. 270 – Representatives Smith, K., Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ramos, Hagan, Leland, Kelly, Greenspan, Craig, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Bocchieri, Strahorn, Faber, West, Sweeney, Riedel, Boyd, Cera, Sykes, Antonio, Celebrezze, Howse, Young, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Kick
To enact section 5534.491 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-271 in Cuyahoga County as the "Captain Michael Palumbo Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1129.)

H. B. No. 279 – Representative Hill, Speaker Rosenberger

Cosponsors: Representatives Riedel, Cera, Ryan, Gavarone, Duffey, Antonio, Leland, McColley, Brenner, Bocchieri, Seitz, Strahorn, Faber, Smith, K., West, Schaffer, Goodman, Kent, Patterson, Hambley, Landis, Lanese, Sheehy, Thompson, Sweeney, Lipps, Arndt, Ashford, Carfagna

To require the Ohio History Connection to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1130.)

Sub. H. B. No. 286 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Arndt, Schaffer, Schuring

To amend section 3712.01 and to enact sections 3701.36, 3701.361, 3701.362, and 3712.063 of the Revised Code to create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care, and to authorize certain hospice care programs to provide palliative care to patients other than hospice patients.

(Committee on Aging and Long Term Care recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1130.)

H. B. No. 307 – Representative Gonzales

Cosponsors: Representatives Riedel, Hambley, Arndt, Ashford

To enact section 5.263 of the Revised Code to designate September as "We Card Month."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1131.)

H. B. No. 308 – Representative Cera

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, West

To enact section 5534.64 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Belmont County as the "Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1063.)

H. B. No. 313 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Lanese, Sprague, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Johnson

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.594 of the Revised Code to create the "Pelotonia" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 315 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Holmes, Ashford, Carfagna

To enact section 5.257 of the Revised Code to designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1132.)

H. B. No. 319 – Representative Lanese

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Arndt, Ashford, Carfagna

To enact section 5.036 of the Revised Code to designate a shelter pet as Ohio's official pet.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1133.)

H. B. No. 321 – Representatives Koehler, Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Goodman, Riedel, Brenner, Sweeney, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.891 of the Revised Code to create the "Lions Club" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 324 – Representatives Ashford, Sheehy

Cosponsors: Representatives Cera, Leland, Romanchuk, Rogers, Sweeney, Thompson, Smith, K., Miller, Lepore-Hagan, West, Riedel, Patton, Boccheri, Strahorn, Clyde, Boggs, Celebrezze, Ingram, Kent, Huffman, Fedor, Patterson, Reece, Faber, Kelly, Craig, Antonio, Sykes, O'Brien, Young, Holmes, Ramos, Green, Greenspan, Householder, Hughes, Keller, Kick, Manning

To enact section 5534.48 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate Route 75 in Lucas County as the "Toledo Firefighters J. Dickman and S. Machcinski Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1064.)

H. B. No. 330 – Representative Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Ashford, Boggs, Celebrezze, Craig, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, Patton, Ramos, Riedel, Romanchuk, Scherer, Smith, K., Sweeney, West, Green, Sheehy, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Manning

To enact section 5534.494 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 91 in Willoughby as the "Patrolman Jason Gresko Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, September 21, 2017, p. 1065.)

Sub. H. C. R. No. 9 – Representative Holmes

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Lepore-Hagan, Thompson, Celebrezze, Kent

To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State; and the Congress of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia Hoerig to stand trial for the aggravated murder of her husband, Major Karl Hoerig, and to request that the United States terminate foreign aid payments to Brazil if Claudia Hoerig is not extradited.

(Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations recommends substitute concurrent resolution for adoption, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1124.)

H. R. No. 236 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Riedel, Sheehy, West, Fedor, Kent, Smith, K., Green, Householder, Johnson

To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends adoption, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1127.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Sub. S. B. No. 33 – Senator Eklund

Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Terhar, Yuko, Williams, Skindell, Hoagland, Hite, Bacon, Coley, Thomas, O'Brien, Burke, Hackett, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Schiavoni, Tavares, Uecker, Wilson Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Gatonski, Kent, Lang, McColley, Rogers, Seitz

To amend sections 2913.04, 2923.129, 2935.081, and 2951.041 and to enact section 5503.101 of the Revised Code to allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a defendant in a traffic or criminal case; to authorize a court to continue on intervention in lieu of conviction an offender who is on it and violates any of its terms or conditions; and to allow certain state highway patrol troopers to administer oaths and acknowledge criminal and juvenile court complaints, summonses, affidavits, and returns of court orders in matters related to their official duties.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1125.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, April 5, 2017, p. 317.)

(Senate committee on Judiciary recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 250.)

S. B. No. 62 – Senator Yuko

Cosponsors: Senators Thomas, Brown, Williams, Huffman, Hackett, Eklund, Tavares, Schiavoni, Beagle, Sykes, LaRose, Coley, Uecker, Skindell, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Gardner, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Terhar, Wilson Representative Hambley

To enact section 5.236 of the Revised Code to designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, September 20, 2017, p. 1048.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 3, 2017, p. 372.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 29, 2017, p. 300.)

S. C. R. No. 8 – Senators O'Brien, Eklund

Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Brown, Huffman, Schiavoni, Terhar, Uecker, Wilson, Hackett, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Kunze, LaRose, Obhof, Oelslager, Peterson, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Yuko Representatives Johnson, Lanese, Riedel, Young, Zeltwanger

A resolution to urge the United States Missile Defense Agency to select Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Ravenna, Ohio, as the preferred site for a future east coast Missile Defense system.

(House committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends adoption, see House Journal, October 26, 2017, p. 1124.)

(Senate recommends adoption, see Senate Journal, June 28, 2017, p. 1027.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends adoption, see Senate Journal, June 27, 2017, p. 728.)

Pending Matters

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 49 -- Representative Smith, R. -- et al.

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

(Line item vetoes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, see House Journal, July 6, 2017, p. 972.)

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Legislative Committees

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- **Autonomous and Connected Vehicles Hearing**
- **Manufacturers Briefing:** To educate the committee on the basics of AV/CV technology and predicted timeline of implementation. Witnesses: Harry Lightsey, Executive Director of Emerging Technologies - General Motors; Al Prescott, Associate General Counsel & Directory of Regulatory Affairs - Tesla; Douglas Longhitano, Manager, Connected & Automated Vehicle Policy - American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 241** **DIABETES REGISTRY** (Barnes, J.) To establish the Ohio Diabetes Registry. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 332** **ANATOMICAL GIFTS** (Antani, N.) Regarding anatomical gifts, transplantation, and discrimination on the basis of disability. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 335** **AWARENESS MONTH** (Lepore-Hagan, M., Howse, S.) To designate April as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 131** **PHYSICAL THERAPY** (Gavarone, T., Reineke, B.) To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute)
- HB 258** **ABORTION** (Hagan, C., Hood, R.) To generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

- HJR 4** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 382** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (Schuring, K.) To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job

and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 312 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING (Schuring, K., Greenspan, D.)**

Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 87 **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 361 **TAX COMPLAINTS (Greenspan, D.)** To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HCR 10 **ANTI-SEMITISM (Thompson, A., Greenspan, D.)** To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 341 **PUBLIC RECORDS (Huffman, S., Cera, J.)** To include judges as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, and whose addresses public offices, upon request, must redact from records available to the general public on the internet. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 342 **TAX LEVIES (Merrin, D.)** To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

SB 201 **PRISON TERMS (Bacon, K., O'Brien, S.)** To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the Department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 202 **OFFENDER RE-ENTRY (Bacon, K., O'Brien, S.)** To require the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to establish a reentry program for all offenders released from prison who it intends to have reside in a halfway house or similar facility but who are not accepted by any such facility; to require the Adult Parole Authority to establish maximum work-load and case-load standards for its parole and field officers and have enough trained officers to comply with the standards; to require that GPS monitoring used for

offenders released from prison under such monitoring specify restrictions, including inclusionary zones and necessary exclusionary zones; to require the Department to establish system requirements for GPS monitoring of such offenders by the Department or third-party contract administrators; to require the Department to operate a statewide database for law enforcement use containing specified information about such offenders; to require that third-party administrators for GPS monitoring under a new contract with the Department provide and use a law enforcement-accessible crime scene correlation program; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 221 **AGENCY RULEMAKING (Uecker, J.)** To amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 127.18 (106.024); to enact sections 101.352, 101.353, 106.032, 121.93, 121.931, 121.932, and 121.933; and to repeal section 121.76 of the Revised Code to reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 122, 10 a.m.

HB 370 **STATE SEAL (Perales, R.)** To add a representation of the Wright Brothers' first piloted airplane to the Coat of Arms and Great Seal of the State of Ohio. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 291 **GOVERNMENT INSURANCE (Wiggam, S.)** To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

SB 86 **DAY DESIGNATION (Hackett, B.)** To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing Children's Day." (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 121 **PIPE MATERIALS (Edwards, J.)** To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

HB 323 **GARBAGE FEES (Patterson, J.)** To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 364 **VOTER REGISTRATION (Clyde, K.)** To designate the fourth Tuesday of September as "Ohio Voter Registration Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 71 **AGENCY CONTRACTS (Manning, G.)** To allow a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to authorize its executive director to

execute contracts valued at \$50,000 or less without the board's prior approval. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 144 **DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.)** To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

SB 169 **TRAVEL INSURANCE (Wilson, S.)** To oversee the sale of travel insurance. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 380 **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Seitz, B., Householder, L.)** To prohibit illegal and unauthorized aliens from receiving compensation and certain benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 156 **VISION CARE INSURANCE (Schuring, K.)** Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute)

HB 336 **LICENSE FEES (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.)** To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 268 **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)** To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law with respect to self-insuring employers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.

HB 66 **TENURED FACULTY (Young, R.)** To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 2 p.m. or after session

HR 193 **CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL (Antonio, N., Strahorn, F.)** A resolution urging Congress to award a Congressional Medal of Honor to the late Senator John Glenn and Mrs. Annie Glenn. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HCR 7 **BANKING LAWS (Sheehy, M., Ramos, D.)** To urge the Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking function that was in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HCR 12 **AMTRAK SERVICE (Sheehy, M.)** To urge Congress and the President of the United States to support a federal budget that retains Amtrak passenger service in Ohio. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HCR 15 **IMMIGRATION (Ramos, D.)** To urge the President of the United States to restore the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program and to urge the Congress of the United States to pass the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2017. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m. or after session

HB 362 **HPRS RETIREMENT (Carfagna, R., Ramos, D.)** To revise the law governing the State Highway Patrol Retirement System. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Criminal Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Manning, N., 644-5076), Rm. 121, 3 p.m. or after session

HB 365 **PAROLE MONITORING (Hughes, J., Boggs, K.)** To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the Department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; to require the Department to establish a reentry program for all offenders released from prison who it intends to have reside in a halfway house or similar facility but who are not accepted by any such facility; to require the Adult Parole Authority to establish maximum work-load and case-load standards for its parole and field officers and have enough trained officers to comply with the standards; to require that GPS monitoring used for offenders released from prison under such monitoring specify restrictions, including inclusionary zones and necessary exclusionary zones; to require the Department to establish system requirements for GPS monitoring of such offenders by the Department or third-party contract administrators; to require the Department to operate a statewide database for law enforcement use containing specified information about such offenders; to require that third-party administrators for GPS monitoring under a new contract with the Department provide and use a law enforcement-accessible crime scene correlation program; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan Tokes Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 234 **REPRODUCTIVE CARE (Howse, S., Lepore-Hagan, M.)** To criminalize impeding access to reproductive health care and to create a cause of action for harassment or intimidation of one or more employees of a health care facility. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 283 **ADOPTIONS (Rezabek, J.)** To require the juvenile court judge to provide written consent to certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute & amendments)

House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m.

- SB 70** **CHILD SUPPORT (Coley, B.)** To amend the child support laws. (4th Hearing-Possible vote)
- HB 340** **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Young, R.)** Regarding the release of information concerning public and medical assistance recipients. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 383** **CHILD CARE (Carfagna, R.)** Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 309** **PARENTAL RIGHTS (Gonzales, A., Rezabek, J.)** To generally prohibit a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 366** **CHILD SUPPORT (Gavarone, T.)** To make changes to the laws governing child support. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Agency Calendar

Congressional Redistricting Working Group, Rm. 313, Statehouse, Columbus, 6 p.m.

Event Planner

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) & Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) fundraiser, Einstein's Bros. Bagels, 41 S. High St., Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Emilia Sykes Campaign and Sykes for Office)

Rep. Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland) and Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) news conference on equal pay task force bill, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 9 a.m.

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel and/or Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Dave Greenspan)

Ohioans for Payday Lending Reform rally, West Steps, Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,000; Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Individual: \$350 to Seitz for Ohio and/or Citizens for Blessing)

Rep. Bernadine Kent (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Lincoln Cafe, 740 E. Long St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Kent for Ohio)

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House Activity for Tuesday, October 31, 2017

INTRODUCED

HB 398 ■ **MICRO DISTILLERIES** (Perales, R., Boggs, K.) To revise the law governing sales of spirituous liquor by micro-distilleries. Am. 4303.021 and 4303.041

HB 399 ■ **HEALTH INSURANCE** (Henne, M., Butler, J.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees. Am. 5162.80; to amend for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 5162.80 (3962.02); and to enact sections 191.11, 191.12, 3962.01, 3962.03, 3962.04, 3962.05, 3962.06, 3962.10, 3962.11, 3962.12, 3962.16, 3962.17, 3962.21, 3962.22, 3962.23, 3962.24, 3962.25, 3962.26, 3962.27, 3962.28, 3962.29, 3962.30, 3962.31, 3962.32, 3962.35, 3966.01, 3966.02, 3966.03, 3966.04, 3966.05, 3966.06, 3966.07, 3966.08, 3966.09, and 5164.65

HB 400 ■ **BRIDGE NAMING** (Holmes, G.) To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of State Route 169 in Trumbull County, as the "World War I and World War II Veterans Memorial Bridge." Am. 5534.82

HB 401 ■ **BRIDGE NAMING** (Holmes, G.) To designate the bridge spanning Squaw Creek, that is part of United States Route 422 in Girard, as the "Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge." Am. 5534.81

HB 402 ■ **TELEPHONE REGULATION** (Hill, B.) To revise state regulation of telephone companies. Am. 128.01, 128.32, 4165.01, 4905.402, 4905.61, 4927.02, 4927.12, 4927.17, 4927.19, and 4931.05, to enact section 4927.102, and to repeal section 4927.08

CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

HB 50 ■ **EBT CARDS** (Schaffer, T.) To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Wednesday, November 1

HB 119 ■ **SNAP** (Henne, M., McColley, R.) Regarding eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program.
Wednesday, November 1

HB 137 ■ **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING** (Kent, B.) To make municipal and county peace officers mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect.
Wednesday, November 1

HB 174 ■ **FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT** (Hughes, J., Lanese, L.) To add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2018.
Wednesday, November 1

HB 214 ■ **ABORTION** (LaTourette, S., Merrin, D.) To prohibit a person from performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman who is seeking the abortion because an unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome.
Wednesday, November 1

HB 292 ■ **OHIO RESIDENCY** (Scherer, G.) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes.
Wednesday, November 1

HB 334 ■ **BUSINESS INCOME** (Scherer, G.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.
Wednesday, November 1

REFERRED

Criminal Justice:

HB 389 ■ **DEATH PENALTY** (Antonio, N.) To abolish the death penalty.

HB 391 ■ **ECONOMIC LOSSES (Merrin, D.)** To include the cost of accounting done to determine the extent of economic loss as a type of economic loss for which restitution may be granted.

HB 394 ■ **MANDATORY BINDOVERS (Rezabek, J.)** To eliminate mandatory and reverse bindovers, and modify the procedures for discretionary bindovers, of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to a criminal court; to revise the procedures for determining the delinquent child confinement credit; to revise certain delinquent child financial sanction dispositions and procedures and establish a separate restitution disposition; and to provide special parole eligibility dates for persons with an indefinite or life sentence imposed for an offense other than aggravated murder or another crime involving the purposeful killing of multiple persons committed when the person was under age 18 and special Parole Board procedures in those cases.

Economic Development, Commerce & Labor:

HB 385 ■ **WAGE INFORMATION (West, T.)** To prohibit a state agency from preventing an employee from discussing the employee's own wages or another employee's wages, to prohibit a state agency from seeking a prospective employee's wage or salary history, to prohibit retaliation against an employee who discusses wages or opposes a prohibited act or practice, and to create the Wage Disparity Study Committee.

HB 392 ■ **APIARY DAMAGES (Stein, D.)** To grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases.

Energy & Natural Resources:

HB 393 ■ **BRINE SALES (DeVitis, T., O'Brien, M.)** To authorize a person to sell brine derived from an oil and gas operation that is processed as a commodity for use in surface application in deicing, dust suppression, and other applications.

Federalism & Interstate Relations:

HB 395 ■ **FIREARM ACCESSORIES** (Patmon, B.) To prohibit the manufacture, sale, or transfer of any trigger crank, bump-fire device, or other product that accelerates a semi-automatic firearm's rate of fire but does not convert it into an automatic firearm.

Finance:

HB 396 ■ **STEM LOANS** (Patterson, J., Carfagna, R.) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation.
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Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development:

HB 386 ■ **CREDIT FREEZES** (Henne, M., Kelly, B.) To modify the fees that a credit reporting agency can charge in relation to a credit report freeze.

HB 390 ■ **FORCIBLE ENTRY** (Merrin, D.) To clarify how to calculate certain timelines under which a forcible entry and detainer action must occur.

Government Accountability & Oversight:

SB 127 ■ **WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES** (LaRose, F.) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside.

SB 139 ■ **LEGAL MATERIALS** (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.) To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

Health:

SB 143 ■ **DAY DESIGNATION** (Eklund, J.) To designate September 25 as 'International Ataxia Awareness Day' in Ohio.

HB 397 ■ **NEWBORN SCREENING** (Boggs, K., Butler, J.) To include spinal muscular atrophy as an additional disorder to be screened for under the Newborn Screening Program.

Insurance:

SB 169 ■ **TRAVEL INSURANCE** (Wilson, S.) To oversee the sale of travel insurance.

Transportation & Public Safety:

HB 384 ■ **VEHICLE TOWING** (Gonzales, A.) To require only one notice to be sent to a vehicle owner and any known lienholder after a vehicle is towed from a private tow-away zone.

HB 387 ■ **BRIDGE NAMING** (Bocchieri, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To designate the bridge spanning State Route 11, that is part of Mahoning Avenue in Austintown Township in Mahoning County, as the "Women Veterans Bridge."

HB 388 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Sykes, E., Roegner, K.) To create the "Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens" license plate.

Ways & Means:

SB 186 ■ **BUSINESS INCOME** (Peterson, B.) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Assisted Living Program Workgroup: Appoint Reps. Arndt and Romanchuk.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Ways & Means

- HB 337** ■ **COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS** (Duffey, M.) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 343** ■ **PROPERTY VALUES** (Merrin, D.) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 351** ■ **MILITARY TAX EXEMPTION** (Perales, R., Butler, J.) To require municipal corporations to exempt from taxation the military pay of members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The legislation would bring the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in line with the armed forces by exempting its members from municipal income tax while on active duty, sponsoring Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek) said.

"The Officers of the USPHS and NOAA are deployed in hazardous, emergency situations. They were there for the aftermath of 9/11, and the anthrax attacks in Washington DC, New York, Florida, and New Jersey. When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf region in 2005, they were there. They were there to respond to the Haitian Earthquake and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010," he said.

"Superstorm Sandy ravaged the Atlantic Coast in 2012; when help was needed, they were there. Who could neglect to mention their prolonged and repeated deployments to West Africa and throughout the United States in 2014 and 2015 as part of the Ebola response? These examples show that although these men and women are often not on the front lines we typically picture, they put their health and safety on the line to protect all American citizens from harm."

Because the legislation will have a negligible impact on the bottom line of cities, the Ohio Municipal League is not opposed, Rep. Perales said.

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood), the bill's other sponsor, said the bill is essentially a "technical correction."

"This truly may be the most straightforward, non-controversial bill I have sponsored in my time in the legislature, and I hope this committee will give it expedient consideration on its way to a vote of the full House," he said.

- HB 371** ■ **PROPERTY TAX** (Merrin, D.) To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Vince Squillace, executive vice president of the Ohio Home Builders Association, said new housing starts have declined by 66% in Ohio over a 20-year period.

"New construction starts in Ohio are near the lowest in activity of all the states; Ohio ranks 48th in this important category. Clearly, the state and its residents need relief from escalating home prices and loss of availability of suitable housing choices," he said. Mr. Squillace said the measure will provide incentives for building, especially in low-activity areas of the state.

"Further, the bill would have little impact in growing areas of the state as an already existing lot shortage, in conjunction with the demand for availability, finds lots being sold in less than one year," he said. "HB371 is a necessary incentive for areas striving to improve their regions to attract prospective employers with a wide variety of housing opportunities which are lacking today."

In written proponent testimony, Thomas Hart, legal counsel for the Building Industry Association of Central Ohio, said current law requires paying increased taxes on land prior to home construction, which only adds to the cost.

"Ohio families can ill afford these additional costs. The cumulative cost impacts of additional taxes applied prior to lot development in Central Ohio can be significant. This adds to the challenge of housing affordability that is a large head-wind to economic growth in central Ohio and is getting worse," he wrote.

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Insurance

HB 156 **VISION CARE INSURANCE (Schuring, K.)** Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 284 **AUTO INSURANCE (Antani, N.)** To create a study committee to author a report making recommendations about ways to reduce the cost of insurance premiums among commercial drivers ages eighteen to twenty-five. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Tom Balzer, president of the Ohio Trucking Association, testified that the driver shortage has "reached epic proportions" with about 50,000 too few drivers nationally. Those figures are from the American Trucking Association, which estimates the shortage will reach 250,000 drivers by 2025, he said.

"The intent of HB284 is to establish a short-term study committee to find answers to the issue of the insurability of drivers under the age of 25," Mr. Balzer said. "It is not the intention of this study to discuss insurance practices, but to cooperatively work with trucking companies and the insurance industry to see if there are solutions to ease the employment of drivers under 25 while protecting the integrity of the funds."

Responding to **Rep. Michael Henne** (R-Clayton), the witness said part of the problem is that there isn't enough data available for insurance companies to adequately vet younger drivers for potential coverage.

"There is a lot of data out there on drivers under the age of 25 on the personal side," Mr. Balzer said. "On the professional side there's not a lot of data out there."

Mike Cope, acting president of the Ohio Coal Association, said in written testimony that qualified and trained drivers are key to ensuring reliable electricity.

"Attracting young people to the trucking industry is extremely difficult due to the cost of providing insurance to young drivers," he wrote. "If (the bill is) successful, young people from Ohio and surrounding states would be attracted to our state to pursue profitable careers with companies operating in Ohio."

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Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development

HB 329 **PYRAMID SCHEMES (Pelanda, D.)** To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

The committee adopted a substitute bill that says a violation of the prohibition against a pyramid scheme is considered an unfair or deceptive act or practice and allows the attorney general to enforce violations in the bill, according to Legislative Service Commission staff.

(**Comp Doc**)

HB 353 **UNCLAIMED FUNDS (Reineke, B.)** To exempt certain open-loop prepaid cards, closed-loop prepaid cards, and rewards cards from the Unclaimed Funds Law. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 163 **COUNTY INVESTMENTS (Wilson, S.)** To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys. (**REPORTED**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

The committee voted to report the bill following some supportive testimony.

Warren County Treasurer Barney Wright said the bill would give county treasurers more flexibility in choosing investments. An identical proposal (**HB 46**) has already been approved by the committee and passed the House, he said.

"There's a potential negative in that the risk of default with A bonds is higher than with AA bonds, but that risk is about .04%, which is an extremely small risk," he said.

He said the market has moved away from AA bonds, which now make up only about 10% of the market, compared to 25% when the provision in current law was enacted.

Montgomery County Treasurer Carolyn Rice said the need for the changes arose because the recession led interest rates to drop and remain very low. Investment income generated on her county's portfolio, she said, has dropped from \$27 million in 2007 to \$4.4 million in 2016.

"Since this legislation is permissive, it does not force any county to invest in A-rated bonds if they do not deem it necessary or appropriate," she said. "However, for those of us who see real opportunities and benefits from expanding the categories of corporate bonds we can buy, give us the chance to use our judgment and make these investments to earn more investment income for our county."

She said the changes could help Montgomery County earn at least an extra \$100,000 to \$125,000 per year.

"That is real money that our county could use to address the financial demands we face," she said.

Economic Development, Commerce & Labor

HB 211 **HOME INSPECTORS (Hughes, J.)** To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. **(CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (See separate story); 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)**

HB 263 **OUTDOOR DINING AREAS (Lanese, L.)** To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 4th Hearing-Interested Party)**

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Education & Career Readiness

HB 318 **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.)** To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers. **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

HB 338 **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (Ginter, T.)** Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers. **(CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

Brandy Spaulding, director of Chiropractic Services for the Ohio State Chiropractic Association, said chiropractors are one of a few types of healthcare professionals who can be certified by the Federal Motor Carry Safety Administration to provide driver examinations. In Ohio, chiropractors are already using their certification to perform state-required physicals on truck drivers, she said. The bill would expand their expertise to school bus drivers.

"When it comes to the actual physical or examination of either the truck driver or bus driver the tests are similar in many ways including a review of the person's health history and current and previous health conditions and physical examination to make sure the applicant can meet the driving duties associated with their job," she said.

The differences in the tests are that the school bus driver exams must be repeated annually and the blood pressure requirement is more stringer for truck drivers, Ms. Spaulding added. She told Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) that organizations representing other types of physicians have not expressed concern with the bill.

HB 360 **BULLYING (Greenspan, D.)** To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges. **(CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

Rev. Morris Eason, owner and CEO of Round1 Ministries, said his organization helps children and families overcome struggles through a combination of boxing, training and life coaching.

He said he's seen firsthand how bullying can affect young people and parents like himself are having to make tough decisions to stop hatred, such as enrolling their children in new schools.

"I am confident that this (bill) will change the life of many of the victims of bullying in our schools," he said.

No bullying prevention programs in Ohio are state funded or required to be followed, according to Values in Action President Stuart Muszynski. The measure would ensure schools are taking a stand against bullying.

"While funding continues to remain an issue for schools, at least HB360 will put schools and parents on notice that there will be serious consequences to the bully when bullying occurs," he said in written testimony.

"It is also essential that the bill requires schools to report and identify incidents even prior to the bully being identified," he continued. "I have a concern that the schools will stonewall identifying the bully to protect the child that has been accused as long as possible, and that would defeat the true purpose of the bill."

Usjid Hameed, public affairs coordinator for the Council on American-Islamic Relations Columbus, also provided written support for the bill.

"HB360 brings a firm and rehabilitation focused approach to prevent future incidences of bullying," he said. "The bill's requirement that the bully be offered counseling while serving his/her suspension aims to uncover and remedy the student's motivations for engaging in bullying."

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Senate Activity for Tuesday, October 31, 2017

INTRODUCED

SB 225 ■ **BROADBAND GRANTS** (Schiavoni, J., Eklund, J.) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation. Am. 184.10 and to enact sections 122.97, 122.971, 122.972, 122.973, 122.974, 122.975, 122.976, 122.977, and 122.978

SB 226 ■ **TAX HOLIDAY** (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax. Am. 5739.02, 5739.03, and 5739.05

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Sen. Uecker


Environmental Education Council: Sen. Gardner

Joint Committee on College Affordability: Sen. Dolan

Joint Education Oversight Committee: Sen. Manning

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Chardon Shooting Witnesses Push For Resource Officer Training Requirements

Chardon High School staff who saw the state's deadliest school shooting unfold are calling on lawmakers to set qualifications for school-based law enforcement officers.

Tim Armelli, a teacher and coach at the school, and Frank Hall, a former CHS coach, were present when a student opened fire in their building on Feb. 27, 2012. Mr. Hall is credited with chasing off the gunman who killed three students and injured three others.

"That day, it never leaves my mind too far," Mr. Hall told the House Education & Career Readiness Committee on Tuesday.

Along with Chardon Mayor Nancy McArthur, Mr. Armelli and Mr. Hall are backing a measure (HB 318) inspired by their school that they say will lower the odds another school will suffer a similar tragedy.

"House Bill 318, I believe, is a necessity in moving to this end and providing Ohio's children with the protection they deserve," Mr. Armelli said.

The measure would require new school resource officers to receive 40 hours of training. It also creates a list of qualities districts should consider when making hiring decisions. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 14, 2017)

Prior to the shooting, Chardon High School didn't have a resource officer. It does now, and the school's Frank Hall Foundation advocates for all schools throughout the state to employ SROs.

Mr. Armelli said it's important those officers are trained properly.

"Throughout Ohio there currently exist confusion and inconsistency in the term and training of School Resource Officers. Local school officials can use the term school resource officer as they see fit. They can determine what training, if any, a school resource officer needs," he said. "We need to set a standard by which the people in our buildings, with the task of protecting our children's lives, are held to a high standard of moral, ethical, and legal responsibility."

In addition to being trained to address active shooter situations and other emergencies, SROs would also have to be prepared to play bigger roles in schools' daily cultures if the bill is enacted.

Ms. Arthur said the Chardon police officer who works in the school serves as a sort of counselor and educator as well.

"The results of having an SRO are not necessarily something that can be measured, graphed, or documented," Ms. McArthur said. "But those of us in Chardon know that having an SRO in our public schools contributes to our students' physical safety, their mental health, and to their growth as contributing members of our society."

She did raise concerns, however, about how the bill would address situations in which a trained SRO is on vacation or taking a personal day and needs to be temporarily replaced by another officer.

Chardon Police Department will provide a substitute if they're able, she said. Mr. Hall said Lakeside High School, where he works now, contracts with Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office and wouldn't have the option of bringing in a substitute officer.

Mr. Armelli told the panel that the bill grandfathers in existing SROs so they wouldn't be required to complete 40 hours of training. However, he said they would be encouraged to attend trainings or continued education seminars hosted by the Ohio School Resource Officer Association.

PUCO Chair Steers Clear Of Taking Sides On Pending Bills In House Q&A

Representatives on Tuesday attempted to pin down Ohio Public Utilities Commission Chairman Asim Haque's opinion on pending legislation that would ban electric security plans and grant cost recovery for nuclear and OVEC plants.

But they were largely unsuccessful, with Mr. Haque deferring to the legislature as the state's lawmaking arm and saying the PUCO will carry out the law as written. In each case, he declined to offer specific direction on which direction lawmakers should head in their discussions on pending bills.

The back-and-forth followed a presentation Mr. Haque delivered to the House Public Utilities Committee at the invitation of Chairman Rep. Robert Cupp (R-Lima). The presentation was elementary in nature, essentially a crash course on the roles of the PUCO and other regulatory bodies. But it gave committee members a chance to pepper Mr. Haque with questions ranging from the rudimentary to the in-depth.

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) steered the discussion toward Rep. Mark Romanchuk's bill (HB 247), which is staunchly opposed by utilities. In addition to banning ESPs, it would enable customers to be refunded charges the Supreme Court later rules improper. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 5, 2017)

Mr. Haque said the system could be improved but declined to offer suggestions regarding whether the legislature should focus on amended current law related to electric security plans, or ESPs, or to code sections pertaining to market rate offers.

"I think there are ways that our current statutory regime could be potentially made better," Mr. Haque said. "I don't necessarily know if it's by maintaining the ESP rubric going forward with some amendments or pushing down the MRO path with some amendments."

Mr. Haque said he believes that utilities will be concerned with the MRO path due to uncertainty over the riders they could otherwise have received through an ESP.

"We will enact the statutory regime that you create so from my perspective could there be some sort of a marrying between ESP or MRO? Were that to occur I think there's merit to that," he said.

Rep. Seitz also pressed for details about how the PUCO determines whether a utility's proposed ESP is "more favorable in the aggregate than the rate offer," which is a statutory question the commission is required to consider in such cases.

"There has been plenty of debate about whether the PUCO has performed that test appropriately," Mr. Haque acknowledged, noting that some of that took place before his 2013 appointment. "My understanding is there's distress about whether the PUCO should be evaluating the ESP or MRO on a quantitative or qualitative basis."

Mr. Seitz posed the question a second time, leading Mr. Haque to request more time to put together a response with PUCO staff. The factors the commission considers, he added, are publicly spelled out in each of the PUCO's relevant orders.

"I don't want to tell you wrong or steer you wrong in this setting so let me get back to you please," Mr. Haque said.

Questions also veered into another debated PUCO action - its self-initiated investigation into submetering and the resulting order that critics have said oversteps the PUCO's jurisdiction. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 12, 2017)

Answering a question from Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus), Mr. Haque addressed the commission's recent order, which establishes a framework to regulate submetering companies who charge more than what customers would face from a regulated utility.

"What we have done principally is try to ensure we are preventing the process of price gouging submetering," he said. "The PUCO has acted in a matter it believes will be true to its jurisdiction."

Rep. Boggs also questioned how the PUCO would respond if its jurisdiction over submetering were expanded through legislation. Mr. Haque answered that he believes a consumer protection component is missing from the current framework, but that the PUCO will "take your cue."

Mr. Haque also declined an invitation from Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) to offer his take on pending controversial bills to grant cost recovery to FirstEnergy nuclear

plants through the creation of zero-emission credits (SB 128, HB 178, & HB 381) (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 27, 2017)

The chairman replied that carbon pricing has been oft-debated for years but that pricing carbon would be "politically challenging."

"On the generation front, I think again, there are a number of arguments on every side of this debate and I think the zero-emitting generation resource nuclear is another policy piece to consider," Mr. Haque said. "I'm sorry I can't give you anything more than that."

Rep. Tim Ginter (R-Salem) and Rep. Romanchuk also sought clarity on the PUCO's previous moves granting of cost recovery for AEP and Dayton Power & Light for their ownership shares of the Ohio Valley Electric Corp.

Those two companies, along with FirstEnergy and Duke, are pushing bills to grant a more uniform approach to cost recovery for their ownership stakes in OVEC. (HB 239 & SB 155) (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 23, 2017)

"It sounds like that's the job of the PUCO," Rep. Romanchuk said of granting that cost recovery. "Why are we hearing a bill on OVEC when they're already getting cost recovery?"

On this too, Mr. Haque demurred. "I can just tell you the facts," he responded.

Licensing Bill Continues To Draw Opposition From Home Inspectors

Home inspectors told a packed House committee Tuesday they still have concerns with a bill creating a licensing structure for the industry.

The House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee accepted a substitute version of the bill (HB 211), making changes to education requirements, the approach to grandfathering inspectors, and limiting the liability of realtors who recommend inspectors.

Inspectors raised concerns that ranged from a proposal to place more burdens on the industry to the lack of language addressing the problem of realtors recommending inspectors who gloss over problems in order to keep sales from falling through.

Realtors, meanwhile, urged support for the bill.

Scott Williams, vice president of public policy for the Ohio Association of Realtors, said the substitute bill comes from meetings with the industry and lawmakers.

"A great deal of attention was given during these discussions to ensure that the requirements to act as a home inspector were such that they would protect consumers,

but also not be overly burdensome, intrusive or represent a significant barrier to those already practicing in the current unregulated environment," he said.

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) asked why the bill now allows all of the classes to be taken online.

Mr. Williams said the change was made to ensure all options were available.

Peer review inspections would still be required, he said, and there is still a requirement that they still have to demonstrate competency in the field.

Rod Berning, owner of Berning & Associates Inc. in Pickerington, said there is a need for improving the quality of home inspectors, but doubted that the bill would achieve that goal.

Mr. Berning said the biggest issue is that buyers will file complaints against home inspectors for not identifying problems that can't be found in a visual inspection.

The state recovery fund, he said, is limited to \$40,000, which might not cover the cost of a repair, he said.

He encouraged the committee to review the issue of errors and omissions insurance, and said the recovery fund likely won't provide the protection hoped for.

Another home inspector, Scott Campbell, also urged the committee to require inspectors to carry errors and omission insurance.

Douglas Curfman, a home inspector, said the bill doesn't help the home buyer and puts an undue burden on the home inspector.

He said having real estate agents refer inspectors is a conflict of interest, and while the bill requires at least three referrals, it doesn't prohibit the agent from offering a suggested preference.

"There needs to be a firewall, a prohibition on referrals between the buyer and real estate agent," he said.

The bill, he said, would also create more burdensome costs on the state than it anticipates.

"By putting a wall on referrals between the buyer and real estate agent and letting the market place weed out the bad inspectors we will have accomplished the desired consumer protection," he said.

David Szalay, a home inspector, said the attorney general's office has only received 15 complaints about home inspectors in the past five years.

"I submit there is no demonstrated need for licensing home inspectors here in Ohio," he said. "In the event and out of concern of home buyers in the home inspection process if a legitimate situation arises that it is injurious to them, that citizen home buyer already has an avenue to file a complaint."

The bill includes no provisions to educate home buyers about home inspections, such as how to select one, what are industry standards and what are appropriate expectations.

He said the main problems with bad inspectors were soft inspections, in which the inspector downplays problems to ensure the deal goes through, along with missed communications and unreal expectations.

Joseph Jefferys, president of the HomeSpection Training Institute, said it is wrong for realtors to recommend home inspectors or provide lists of inspectors.

"A client should do their own due diligence on picking a home inspector such as a client deciding on a realtor," he said. "This provision lets a realtor promote a home inspector that might be friends, family or a business acquaintance."

He suggested the 80 hours training should be hands-on, not online, and only continuing education should be done online.

"It is totally impossible to learn our profession online from a home inspection book except for terminology," he said. "I can't imagine someone taking a cover off from a 200 amp service panel box without proper hands on training. It has been deadly. No online course should be allowed for pre-licensing."

Opponents Seek 'Middle Ground' On Vision Insurance Bill

Interested party meetings over a divisive bill to revise vision-related health care contracts will continue in the face of opposition from vision care plans.

That's according to Chairman Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati), who presided over a third hearing on the bill from Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) on Tuesday.

The measure (HB 156), which is pending before the House Insurance Committee, has the backing of the Ohio Optometric Association, which argues it will protect small optometric practices while preserving patient choice. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 13, 2017)

But nine groups testified in person or through written comments this week that bill will interfere with their relationships with health plans and raise consumer costs by preventing plans from negotiating product discounts.

One interested party meeting has already taken place and Rep. Brinkman said another round of negotiations over the bill has been scheduled for mid-November. "We'll see what happens from there," he said.

The bill would prohibit contracting entities from requiring vision care providers to accept a payment amount for services or materials unless they are covered and would institute disclosure requirements on health insurers and providers not covered or out-of-network. (Analysis)

It would also prohibit specified items from being included in health care contracts. Contracts would be banned from: requiring a provider to accept as payment an amount for non-covered materials or services, requiring a provider to participate in a contract as a condition for participating in any other contract, directly limiting a provider's choice of sources and suppliers of vision materials, and prohibiting a provider from describing out-of-network options to an enrollee.

Under the legislation, a violation would constitute an unfair and deceptive act in the business of insurance.

Julian Roberts, executive director of the National Association of Vision Care Plans, said the group appreciates the sponsor's efforts to incorporate consumer protections but that they are "seriously flawed and one-sided."

Part of the concern, he said, is that the bill would prevent insurers from negotiating discounts for non-covered materials. Discounts are popular, he said, given that these items are generally marked up 200-400%. A result, he said, will be that consumers will increasingly seek discounts online or out-of-state.

"We have had some dialogue with the Ohio Optometric Association," Mr. Roberts said. "We've had an initial meeting and discussed some items and think there are still some opportunities to find some middle ground on some of these issues."

The OOA, in contrast, has argued in proponent testimony that the bill's provisions will foster competition in the market and thereby drive down consumer costs.

"By eliminating insurers' ability to set these artificial fee restrictions for products and services that are not covered under a benefit plan, HB 156 will enable more competition in the marketplace, helping to keep costs low and allowing patients to do business with the provider they trust rather than seeking products from other retailers who do not have these similar limitations, some of whom are located out of state," according to OOA President Beckie Brown.

But Joe Wende, senior director of medical services for Eye Med, said it's likely the bill's passage would "be detrimental to the public health in Ohio."

"Several proposed provisions within HB156 are likely to directly or indirectly inhibit eligible beneficiaries from receiving preventative eye care services and are likely to result in increased expense to beneficiaries when purchasing needed vision correction," he added.

Bill Moore of Davis Vision said in his own testimony that the bill "restricts patient choices while raising their out of pocket costs. It provides no benefit at all to Ohio consumers or employers."

Opponents submitting written testimony include the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, the Ohio Association of Health Plans, Union Benefits Trust, Voices for Ohio's Children and America's Health Insurance Plans.

Obhof Says Hite Resignation Makes Further Disciplinary Review Moot

Cliff Hite's departure from the legislature amidst sexual harassment claims effectively removed the chamber's most severe punishment option - expulsion - and as a result, further disciplinary action is unavailable, according to Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina).

The leader's assessment came in response to a memorandum from Legislative Service Commission Director Mark Flanders, who suggested that further "disciplinary investigation" was warranted in light of the complaint against the lawmaker filed by one of his employees.

The agency director made the suggestion as he released details of the complaint, which alleged that Mr. Hite repeatedly sought sex from an LSC staff member despite being rejected on several occasions. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 30, 2017)

In an Oct. 30 letter to Mr. Flanders, the Senate president said that while the Ohio Constitution allows each house of the legislature to "punish its members for disorderly conduct," up to and including expulsion, those options are no longer available given Mr. Hite's exit.

"I am unaware of any potential disciplinary actions that could be taken by the Senate above and beyond expulsion (a remedy that became moot upon Senator Hite's resignation)," Sen. Obhof wrote. "Nevertheless, I have forwarded the findings of your investigation to the Legislative Inspector General to ensure that all appropriate action has been taken in this matter."

Legislative Inspector General Tony Bledsoe said Mr. Hite's resignation also effectively ends his office's jurisdiction in the matter.

"Our authority to investigate violations of the code of conduct and to recommend sanctions for misconduct terminates once the accused is no longer a member or a staff person," he said. "I think that's similar to most organizations."

LSC's report is also not expected to lead to any prosecutorial action given the lack of any apparent criminal activity involved, leaving the matter up to civil litigation should the complainant pursue it.

Mr. Hite has retained Mark Wagoner, a former state senator, as his attorney. He referred to Mr. Hite's written response to LSC and said the firm would have no further comment.

Real Estate Groups Back Bill To Require Additional Step For Governments Contesting Property Assessments

Representatives of the real estate industry on Tuesday called for passage of a bill to add an additional hurdle for local governing bodies seeking to challenge property valuations.

The measure (HB 343) would require local governments to pass resolutions authorizing individual complaints filed by their attorneys in an effort to contest real property assessments.

Testifying on behalf of the Ohio Apartment Association, Rob Risman told members of the House Ways & Means Committee that Ohio is one of the few states that allow for a change in property valuation based on a complaint, making it difficult to plan for increases.

"This practice not only increases my property taxes at unexpected times and beyond the normal inflationary increases I have budgeted for, it also means that I must spend valuable time and money defending against these complaints," he said. "We find that other local governments that are not represented by certain law firms that take this aggressive posture have taken a much more fair and reasonable approach regarding a property's value."

Mr. Risman told the panel that in some jurisdictions in which he owns apartments, his assessments are challenged any time a nearby property sells. As an example, he said a 171-unit apartment complex in Lakewood valued at \$5.6 million was challenged by the city school district's board of education, which projected the value at \$9.1 million based on a nearby sale.

To contest the school board's challenge, Mr. Risman said he was forced to hire a licensed engineer to testify to all the work needed at the apartment building, which amounted to almost \$10 million in capital needs.

The board of revisions sided with Mr. Risman. However, the school board has asked the Board of Tax Appeals to take up the case.

"Our system of property tax assessment is supposed to guarantee at least some stability of the assessment where there have been no improvements to the property. House Bill 343 is a good first step in reasserting that principal into the system. I appreciate that local governments are facing tough fiscal times," he said.

"But it is fundamentally unfair that I and my fellow OAA members are being targeted by outside parties, in some cases on an annual basis, for re-assessment. We are constantly being put in the position of defending against these complaints - marshalling

legal and market expertise at their own great expense - when these resources and funds could be much better spent improving the real estate."

Asked by Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) about the payment arrangement between the school board and its attorney, Mr. Risman said he believes the attorney works on a contingency basis.

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) questioned if this was a situation unique to that part of the state, saying, "The state of Cuyahoga County kind of does its own things."

Mr. Risman said it varies by county and city. But he added that he does not run in to the same problems with the properties he owns in Michigan and Florida.

Jeff McClain, director of tax and economic policy at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, said the bill seeks to curtail the ability of local governments to cast "a wide net in the hope that they can catch a few big fish."

He said that often occurs in cities and their suburbs.

"This doesn't mean that smaller entities don't file this type of action, in fact we make great use of it to fairly adjust an appraisal when appropriate. There is simply more interaction between government and taxpayer in these areas," he said.

"I have a suspicion that this is because the officials there are more answerable to the taxpayers. They know each other and deal fairly. This bill would simply ask government officials to take greater care in filing counter-complaints to those properties clearly deserving of reconsideration."

Tim Williams, executive director of the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association, said in written proponent testimony that residents of manufactured homes can be stuck with a higher property tax bill if others homes in a park are being upgraded.

"For a local entity to prey on these improvements for the express intent of adding to the owner's tax base, we believe will have a chilling effect on new investment in parks, because park owners know major improvements will trigger an automatic tax battle with local entities including large attorney bills to fight the increases," he said.

Dan Acton, government affairs director of the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, also provided written proponent testimony in which he said the group supports the bill because "investors operate on razor thin profit margins for a property."

"An unexpected repair, a tenant who does not pay rent, terminates a lease early or vacates without notice, unpaid water bills, increases in property taxes that we don't get to vote for or directly benefit from or any layering of government fees that we are subjected to reduce the profits for a property owner that could otherwise be used to reduce the overall debt on the property," he wrote.

House Committee Takes Up Textbook Sales Tax Exemption Bill

At least one lawmaker has not given up on his quest to exempt the purchase of post-secondary textbooks from sales taxes.

Legislation to do just that received its first hearing before the House Ways & Means Committee Tuesday, with sponsoring Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) telling the panel that it "is an important step in lowering the increasingly high cost of attending college in this state, thus helping to make college more affordable for all students and families in Ohio."

By applying sales taxes to textbooks purchased by students, Ohio is in the minority of states, Rep. Duffey said. Across the country, 27 states already exempt textbooks from sales taxes.

In the 10-year period from 2006 to 2016, textbook prices increased by 88%. This school year, the cost of textbooks per student at a public four-year institution is expected to be \$1,250, according to Rep. Duffey.

The measure "will make great strides in lowering the overall cost of receiving an education which burdens many students and families in the state of Ohio. A majority of states in this country already offer tax exemptions on textbooks required for coursework in their colleges and universities and it is time that Ohio is added to the list," he said.

The legislation requires a student to provide certain verifying information before receiving the exemption.

Under the bill, in order to purchase a tax-exempt textbook in-person, a student would be required to provide a student ID card and either a copy of a list of textbooks needed for courses, or written proof of enrollment in the course and a signed statement confirming the student is purchasing a textbook as a requirement for a course.

For online purchases, students would be required to provide their name, address, course title, name and address of the institution and the identification number on the student's ID card.

"The companies of Amazon and Barnes and Noble currently have procedures in place for colleges and universities which fall in tax exempt states on how students are able to enjoy tax exempt textbook orders and offer comprehensive explanations for the student on how to provide proper documentation for their tax exempt order," Rep. Duffey said.

Rep. Duffey introduced similar legislation (HB308, 131st General Assembly) in the previous General Assembly that stalled after a single committee hearing. While the Legislative Service Commission has yet to score the new bill, the previous iteration was found to result in \$25 million in forgone annual state tax revenue and \$6 million in county tax revenue.

To alleviate any concerns about lost revenue, Rep. Duffey said he is open to amending the bill to include a "delayed trigger" that would permanently put the exemption in place once state revenues exceed projections in excess of \$40 million. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 22, 2017)

Banker Says Exempting Prepaid Cards From Unclaimed Funds Law Would Boost Competitiveness

An Ohio banker urged a House panel Tuesday to exempt prepaid cards from the state's unclaimed funds law, saying the requirement to remit unused money puts financial institutions at a competitive disadvantage.

The proposal (HB 353) would exempt prepaid cards from the requirement to remit unused money after five years.

Eric Gillett, chairman and CEO of Sutton Bank, told the House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee his bank has a prepaid card program focused mostly on business-to-business, reloadable general-purpose cards and payroll cards.

He said the use of prepaid cards is growing, and his bank is in the top 15 prepaid card issuing banks in the country.

Ohio financial institutions are at a disadvantage, he said, because the state's unclaimed funds laws apply to open-loop gift cards and require Ohio-based institutions to remit unused funds after five years.

Closed-loop cards, such as ones used for Starbucks, are exempt from the law, he said.

"Program managers or processors seeking an institution to issue open-loop gift card products will not partner with an Ohio institution because of the escheatment laws," he said. "They choose instead to deliver the economic benefits of their product to institutions subject to the laws of a state like South Dakota that does not require institutions to remit unused open-loop gift card funds to the state."

He said the bill could allow his bank to add employees to work on the open-loop prepaid card program, and help other banks that are located in small towns and rural Ohio.

"Consumers will not be harmed by changing the unclaimed funds law as open-loop gift cards are not a new phenomenon," he said. "The cards never expire, are widely issued, widely accepted, and have been utilized for years. The difference is Ohio has not allowed financial institutions to competitively participate in the material programs due to the current restrictive unclaimed funds law."

Mr. Gillett told Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus) that the unused money on cards after five years goes back to program managers, not the financial institution.

Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) asked what happens when a prepaid card ends up with five or ten cents on it after most of it is used.

Mr. Gillett said the money could go back to the program managers, which is not necessarily the bank.

"Financial institutions make their money off the sharing of the revenue interchange, when the cards are spent," he said.

Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) asked how much money is being lost to unclaimed funds.

In the case of Sutton Bank, the money left on a card that would be left on a card is miniscule, he said.

Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy) asked if there was a way to determine how much money goes to unclaimed funds in Ohio from these cards.

Mr. Gillett said he has asked the state but was not sure if the information was available.

More Changes Expected For House Bill Allowing Dogs On Patios

The sponsor of a House bill to allow dogs on restaurant patios is proposing changes as it continues to draw interest in committee.

Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) told the House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor that the proposed substitute version of the bill (HB 263) includes a list of restrictions on the practice.

Chairman Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy) said the committee would consider the substitute version next week.

The new version of the bill would clarify that it does not affect service dogs in indoor or outdoor dining areas, and it would require dogs in outdoor areas to remain on a non-retractable leash. Business can also ask patrons with unruly dogs to leave, she said.

Restaurant employees would be prohibited from intentionally touching dogs, and must wash hands immediately if they do. Restaurants would also be required to maintain a kit for cleaning up dog waste, she said.

"With the restrictions of this sub bill put in place, there's no reason why restaurant owners shouldn't be given a chance to bolster their revenue opportunities," she said.

Dr. Tod Beckett, president of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association, said state and local officials should be given the authority to restrict the presence of dogs on patios during disease outbreaks.

"The restrictions would be temporary and allow the disease source to be identified and the disease contained," he said. "Both agencies have veterinarians on staff to specifically monitor animal and human diseases."

Rep. Al Landis (R-Dover) asked if he believed the restaurant should be required to sanitize the area after animal waste is cleaned up.

Dr. Beckett said there are some diseases that can be spread through animal waste. He said restaurants should consider the staffing necessary to maintain a clean environment.

Rep. Landis suggested restaurants could have training programs through the training program.

Rep. Ron Young asked if similar cleanliness and sanitation regulations should be required for other places, such as dog parks, that see a lot of animals.

The concentration of animals in an area, Dr. Beckett said, plays a large role in the risk of disease.

Rep. Young asked for data on dog-related incidents that happened at restaurants or other similar businesses.

Jason Gray, assistant executive director of Pilot Dogs Inc., said his group's dogs are trained to behave in certain ways, and those that are not trained can interfere with guide dogs.

Rep. Young asked if he had any data on the issues caused by non-guide dogs in social settings.

Mr. Gray said retractable leashes are a concern. Guide dogs should be left alone, and when other dogs greet them, it can distract the guide dogs.

"That's one thing we wanted the committee to consider was how those dogs who are not service dogs would affect our dogs," he said.

Rep. Young asked if he was suggesting not allowing any interaction between service dogs and pets.

"Are you suggesting that pets, as such, just be kept at home at all times?" he asked.

Mr. Gray said he advises people not to take service dogs to dog parks and other situations. He said his group doesn't have a stance on the bill.

Rep. Landis said the service dogs are allowed to be inside the restaurant, unlike pets, which wouldn't be allowed under the bill.

Bipartisan Bill Would Create Student Loan Repayment Program To Incentivize STEM Degrees

Graduates who have diplomas in STEM-related disciplines and working in related fields in Ohio would be eligible for student debt relief under a recently introduced bipartisan bill.

The measure (HB 396), sponsored by Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) and Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Twp.), would create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program.

Students who graduate in 2017 or later with any type of degree in a STEM field and are employed in that field in Ohio will be eligible for the program. Annual payments made directly to loan companies will range from \$2,000 for associate's degrees to \$4,000 for bachelor's degrees and \$8,000 for master's and doctoral degrees.

Graduates can stay in the repayment program for up to five years, according to the bill's sponsors.

"This legislation addresses a convergence of two problems that are dramatically impacting Ohio's economy: we are among the worst in the nation for student debt burden, and we continue to hear from the business community about Ohio's lack of STEM-related skilled labor," Rep. Carfagna said in a statement.

"Ohio has the 10th highest average student debt, while our continued brain drain of STEM talent continues to hamper Ohio employers' ability to grow facilities and add workers. I'm eager to begin discussions on how we can best retain our skilled talent in a way that provides economic opportunities for our graduates, stimulates STEM entrepreneurship, and grows emerging technology sectors right here in Ohio."

Rep. Patterson added: "It is a known fact that for years, many STEM students who attend our universities leave Ohio upon graduation for better-paying jobs in other states."

"This legislation will help incentivize STEM specialists to stay in Ohio, fostering economic development that will benefit our students, our business community and our state as we strive to establish a workforce for the economy of the future," he said.

The bill follows Rep. Carfagna's efforts to expand computer science and technology courses in schools. He has sponsored legislation (HB 170) currently before the Senate Education Committee that would set standards for such courses and allow students to substitute them for certain math classes.

It's also in line with efforts to increase STEM exposure in the state. The executive budget included language that allows for the creation of STEAM schools, which have a focus on art as well as science, technology, engineering and math.

The administration also recently pushed for a change that permitted the designation of K-8 schools as STEM. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 11, 2017)

High Court Green Lights Mining Company's Annexation

A mining company will be able see its land annexed into the city of Marion despite not getting approval from a railway with interests on the property, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

In a per curiam decision, the court found that Norfolk Southern Railway's two strips of land on the 224-acre property owned by National Lime & Stone Company amount to rights-of-way, and therefore the company is not an owner of the land and is not required to sign off on the expedited annexation.

The case made its way to the high court after the Marion County commissioners failed to approve the annexation of the land in Grand Prairie Township on the grounds that Norfolk Southern had not agreed to the move. The Third District Court of Appeals dismissed the mining company's request for a writ of mandamus, leading the case to the high court, its media arm reported.

"The inevitable result of the commissioners' interpretation would be that any railroad that holds a fee interest in a territory proposed for annexation will be deemed to be an owner whose consent is required for the annexation to proceed," the majority's decision reads. "Yet the plain language of the statute demonstrates a legislative intent to exempt some railroad interests held in fee - specifically rights-of-way in fee - from the statutory definition of 'owner' in such proceedings."

The rights-of-way in question in the case are 60-foot and 75-foot strips of land that the commissioners found required approval from Norfolk to move forward with the annexation.

"In contrast to the statutory interpretation advanced by the commissioners and adopted by the court of appeals, the interpretation advanced by National Lime - that the strip of land upon which a railroad company constructs its roadbed is necessarily a right-of-way, whether owned in fee, taken by easement, or by dedication and acceptance - gives effect to each of the words in the statute and conforms to the technical or particular meaning of the term 'right-of-way' as it is used in the railroad industry," the majority wrote in its decision.

The majority was comprised of Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and Justice Judith French, Justice Bill O'Neill and Justice Patrick Fischer.

In a separate opinion, Justice Sharon Kennedy concurred in part and dissented in part. She found the 60-foot strip of land to be a right of way. However, because the deed of the 75-strip foot of land includes potential uses she determined that it is not a right-of-way and the mining company is required to seek Norfolk's approval for the annexation.

"Because the second parcel was purchased by the railroad to build stock pens, a scale, a shelter for passengers and freight, and a permanent station building, if warranted, it is not a 'right-of-way,'" she wrote.

Justice Kennedy also said the majority denied Norfolk its freedom to choose through its decision.

"With its expansive application of the term 'railroad right-of-way held in fee,' the majority deprives Norfolk of its freedom to choose in which governmental subdivision its property is to be located, and it fails to give effect to the intention of the legislature," she wrote.

She was joined in her opinion by Justice Patrick DeWine.

Justice Terrence O'Donnell dissented and noted that he would have affirmed the opinion of the appellate court.

House Panel Asks Housing Finance Agency About Demolition, Tax Credits

Lawmakers asked about demolition programs and the spread of tax credits around the state as Ohio Housing Finance Agency officials briefed a House panel Tuesday.

The questions came as the agency presented its annual report to the House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee.

OHFA Executive Director Sean Thomas said the agency saw an increase in its homebuyer program during Fiscal Year 2017, helping 4,296 Ohioans buy a home and partnering with 104 private lenders.

OHFA issued \$503 million in mortgage loans and 1,630 mortgage tax credits. The program is also able to offer down payment assistance, he said, which differentiates it from other homebuyer assistance programs.

The program assisted with loans in 79 counties in FY 2017, Mr. Thomas said.

OHFA issued \$35.7 million to land banks and removed 2,478 blighted properties, while helping 532 homeowners keep their homes through foreclosure prevention, he said.

The rental housing program financed 3,656 units of affordable housing.

Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) asked about the number of demolitions done by the agency compared to the foreclosure assistance.

Mr. Thomas said the homebuyer assistance program was designed to be sustainable assistance. The agency did more foreclosure assistance a few years ago, but has moved more toward demolition as land banks have increased.

"As the economy has improved, we have seen sort of a lower demand for that and more demand for demolition in blighted areas," he said.

Rep. Smith asked for annual totals of homeowners assisted and demolitions for the past several years.

"We've heard that the foreclosure crisis is behind us, but I would say that's probably mostly homeowners that are affected," he said. "What we see more of now are zombie properties."

Mr. Thomas told Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) that local officials, including those involved with land banks, decide if properties will be demolished or rehabilitated.

"It's really a local process and then we go out and inspect the units and make sure the demolition is done," he said.

Rep. Ingram said the agency should ensure land banks are getting feedback from the communities when they make these decisions.

Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy) asked how the agency decides to target credits for rental housing units in different areas around the state.

"I'm just curious about how you're diversifying, if you will. How you're getting the word out to folks who may be in need," he said.

Mr. Thomas said they adjust where the credits go from year to year, and pools of funding are set aside for urban, suburban and rural areas.

Most of the properties funded under the tax credit program range from 50 to 100 units, so it can be difficult to put those in rural areas with lower demand, he said.

Mr. Thomas said the agency's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2018 is about \$17.3 million.

The agency's priorities for FY 2018 include expanding affordable housing opportunities, focusing on multi-sector solutions to promote public health and welfare and raise awareness of affordable housing programs.

Mr. Thomas also discussed OHFA's 2018 Housing Needs Assessment, which found nearly half of renters in Ohio have a cost burden, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent. The report also looked at homelessness among students at local school districts, finding the problem is in both urban and rural districts.

Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) asked about OHFA's relationship with the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and federal programs.

Mr. Thomas said the Development Services Agency handles the trust fund and most of the federal funding, but OHFA receives some of the funding through the trust fund.

"We try to coordinate with them on various programs when we can, but there's also a statewide planning effort that goes in," he said.

Ohio Business: Libbey, Diebold, TimkenSteel, More Report Financial Results; Vorys Announces Leadership Change

Libbey's net sales were down 4.8% in the third quarter to \$187.3 million, the company reported Tuesday.

It also reported a net loss of \$78.8 million, which was "driven by a \$79.7 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge associated with the Latin America segment," its earnings report stated.

"Competitive pressures and challenging market conditions, as well as a handful of unusual weather-related events and natural disasters, hindered our performance during the quarter," CEO William Foley said.

"However, the improvements we expected to drive performance in the second half, such as improved profitability in EMEA and the launch of our e-commerce capabilities, began to materialize in the third quarter, and we look for them to contribute to a stronger fourth quarter."

Diebold: Revenue came in at \$1.1 billion in the third quarter, the company reported. GAAP earnings per share from continuing operations were -\$0.47 and operating profit was -\$7.6 million.

Earnings on a non-GAAP basis, meanwhile, were \$0.58 per share, and operating profit was \$82.4 million, or 7.3% operating margin.

TimkenSteel: Net sales significantly improved in the third quarter when compared to the same period last year, the company announced. Net sales were \$339.1 million, compared with \$213.8 million in 2016.

The company also reported a net loss of \$5.9 million, or -\$0.13 per share for the third quarter, compared with a net loss of \$22.2 million, or -\$0.50 per share in the same quarter last year.

Cooper Tire: Third-quarter net income was \$62 million, or \$1.18 per diluted share, the company reported.

Meanwhile, net sales in the quarter declined 2.3% to \$734 million when compared to the previous year's results, the Findlay company reported. Operating profit was \$101 million, or 13.8% of net sales, which is an increase of \$23 million from 2016.

Ohio Valley Bancorp: Net income in the third quarter increased to more than \$1.6 million, or \$0.35 per share, when compared to the \$348,000, or \$0.08 per share, the company reported last year.

For the nine months of 2017, net income totaled \$6.6 million, or \$1.61 per share, which is a 35% increase from the same period of 2016, the Gallipolis financial institution said.

Civista: The Sandusky financial institutions recorded third-quarter net-income of \$3.4 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share, compared with \$3.3 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, for the prior year period.

For the nine-month period ended Sept. 30, Civista reported net income available to common shareholders of \$11 million or \$0.97 per diluted share, compared to \$12.4 million, or \$1.24 per diluted share, in 2016.

Leadership Change: Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP announced that Michael D. Martz will become a firm managing partner at the start of 2018.

Mr. Martz will become the firm's sixth managing partner when he steps in to fill the spot of Russell M. Gertmenian, who will retire at the end of this year after spending 45 years at the firm.

The firm said Mr. Gertmenian announced Mr. Martz as his successor internally in September 2016 and the two have spent the last year working to ensure a seamless transition.

"Michael made one of my most significant decisions at Vorys one of my simplest," Mr. Gertmenian said. "Over a period of about a year, I met with each of my partners prior to finalizing my choice. Throughout these conversations, I continually heard descriptions of Michael, his leadership style and his character that provided me the highest level of confidence. My optimism about Vorys and its future has never been greater."

Mr. Martz, an Upper Arlington resident, joined Vorys in 1991 after earning his law degree from the University of Wisconsin.

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Wednesday, November 8

BWC Health Care Provider Quality Assurance Advisory Committee, Rm. 3, Level 2, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 15

Waterways Safety Council, 3rd Fl., Bldg. c, 2045 Morse Rd., Columbus, 10 a.m.

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Wednesday, November 1

Rep. Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland) and Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) news conference on equal pay task force bill, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, November 7

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) fundraiser, The Elks, 73 N. 3rd St., Newark, 5:30 p.m., (Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Friend: \$250; Couple: \$100; Individual: \$50 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)

Thursday, November 16

Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) fundraiser, Sugar Valley Farm, 2648 Troy Rd., Delaware, 6 p.m., (Host: \$5,000; Sponsor: \$2,500; Patrons: \$1000; Attendees: \$100 to Brenner for Ohio)

Tuesday, November 28


Rep. Dick Stein (R-Norwalk) and Rep. Robert Cupp (R-Lima) fundraiser, de Novo, 150 S. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Stein for State Representative and Cupp for State Representative Committee)

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From: 4544brock@att.net
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Sarah LaTourette,

I am writing you today to ask that you oppose House Bill 298, legislation that will take away my right and the rights of many of your constituents to collectively bargain for a better life.

House Bill 298 takes language straight from Senate Bill 5 dealing with sick time and tries to pass it as a standalone. Senate Bill 5/ Issue 2 was soundly defeated in 2011 by Ohioans who believe that collective bargaining shouldn't be restricted by politicians in Columbus.

I am making sure that your constituents know the truth- that this is just the first step in trying to limit what we can collectively bargain for. Today, it's about sick time; tomorrow it's about how we collectively bargain over pay, safety in the workplace and the how we grieve unfair working conditions. Please help me fight back against attempts to silence my voice at the workplace by opposing House Bill 298.

We didn't send you to Columbus to limit our voice at the workplace. We elected you to stand up and speak for us, create good jobs in your district and raise everyone's wages. Please tell Representative Merrin that you are not interested in making it harder for your constituents to collectively bargain for a better life and that you are opposed to House Bill 298.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing your position on this terrible legislation. Have a great day.

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